



CAPAFR

COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS
FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING

Proposed Statewide Plan for California Assembly Districts
and
Proposed Regional Plan for California Senate Districts
Submitted by CAPAFR

Presented to the Citizens Redistricting Commission by the
Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) on May 26, 2011

Overview of CAPAFR

- A nonpartisan coalition working to strengthen the voice of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities
- Statewide network of AAPI organizations and individuals, anchored by APALC
- Structured as network of 10 regional coalitions
- Outreach and education conducted at local level, with efforts coordinated on statewide basis

CAPAFR's Regional Coalitions

- Sacramento County
 - San Francisco and San Mateo Counties
 - Alameda County
 - Santa Clara County
 - Fresno County
- Los Angeles Metro
 - Los Angeles San Gabriel Valley
 - Los Angeles South Bay
 - Orange County
 - San Diego County

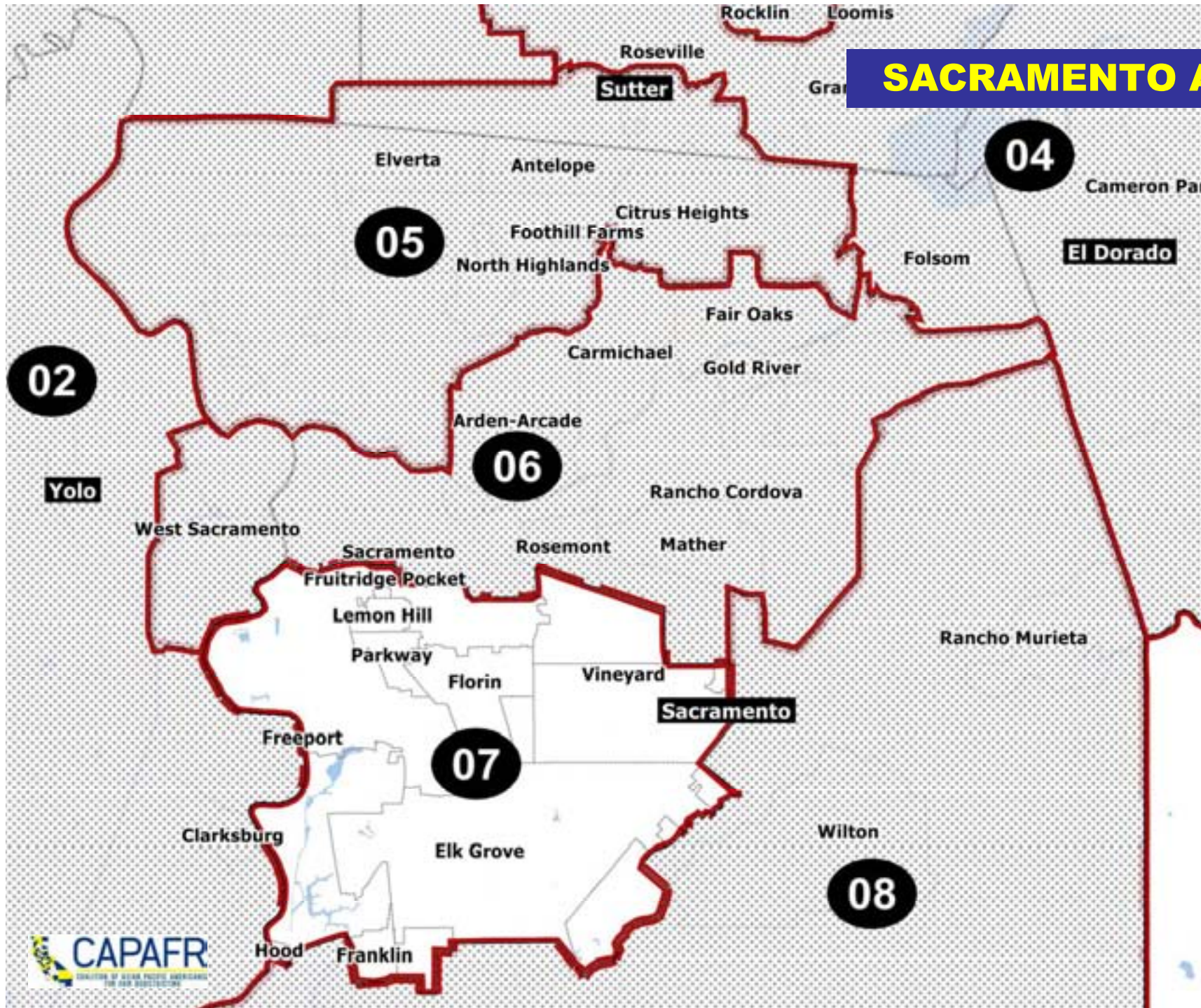
CAPAFR Process

- Held 4 meetings in each region to:
 - Educate AAPI community
 - Obtain COI information
 - Obtain community mapping priorities
 - Build consensus on mapping plans
- Conducted web-based calls with non-AAPI statewide and local stakeholders
- Assisted community members in preparing to testify at regional hearings

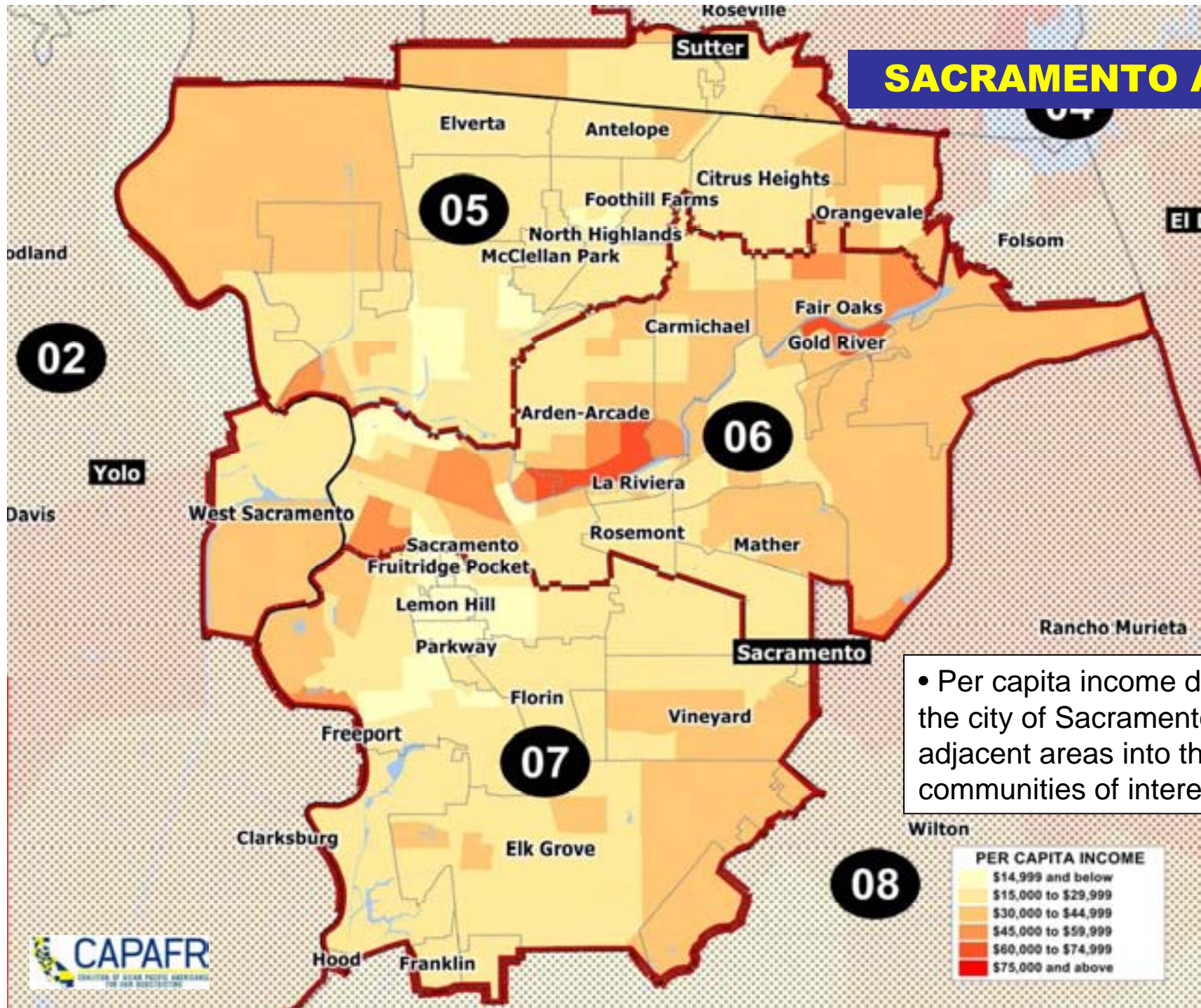
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- Statewide Assembly plan
 - 80 districts
- Regional Senate plan
 - 24 districts focused on 10 regional areas

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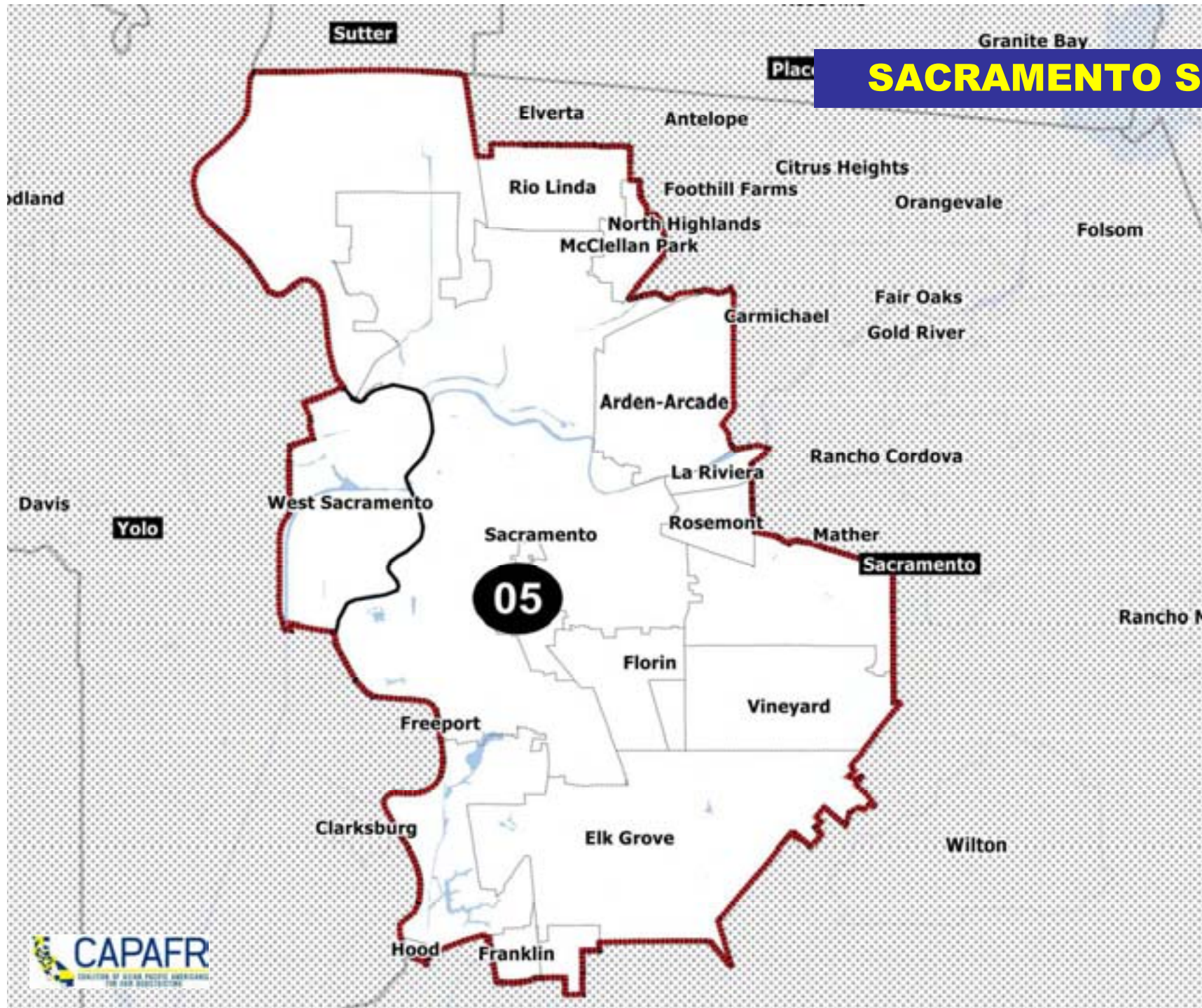


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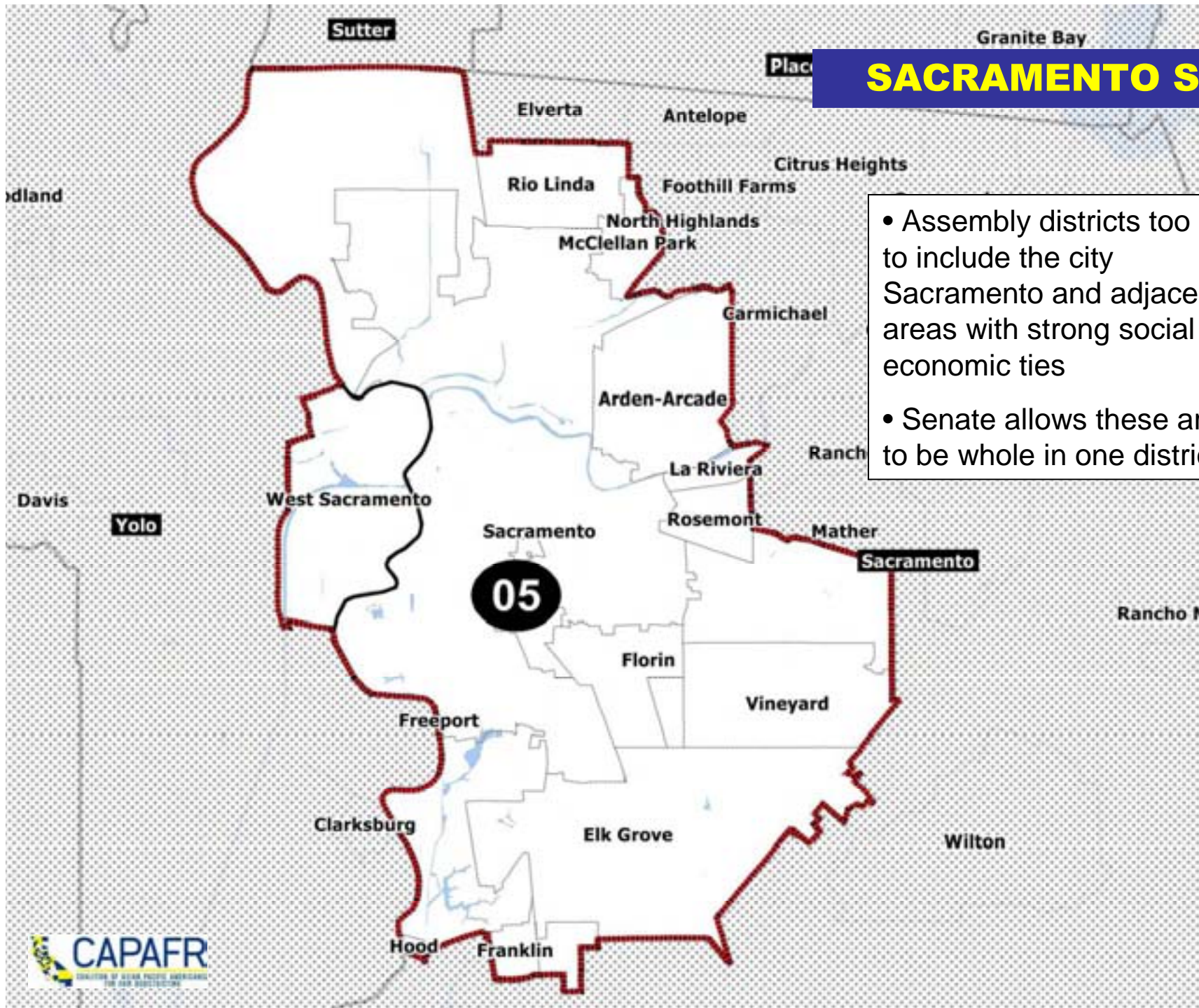
- Per capita income divides the city of Sacramento and adjacent areas into three communities of interest

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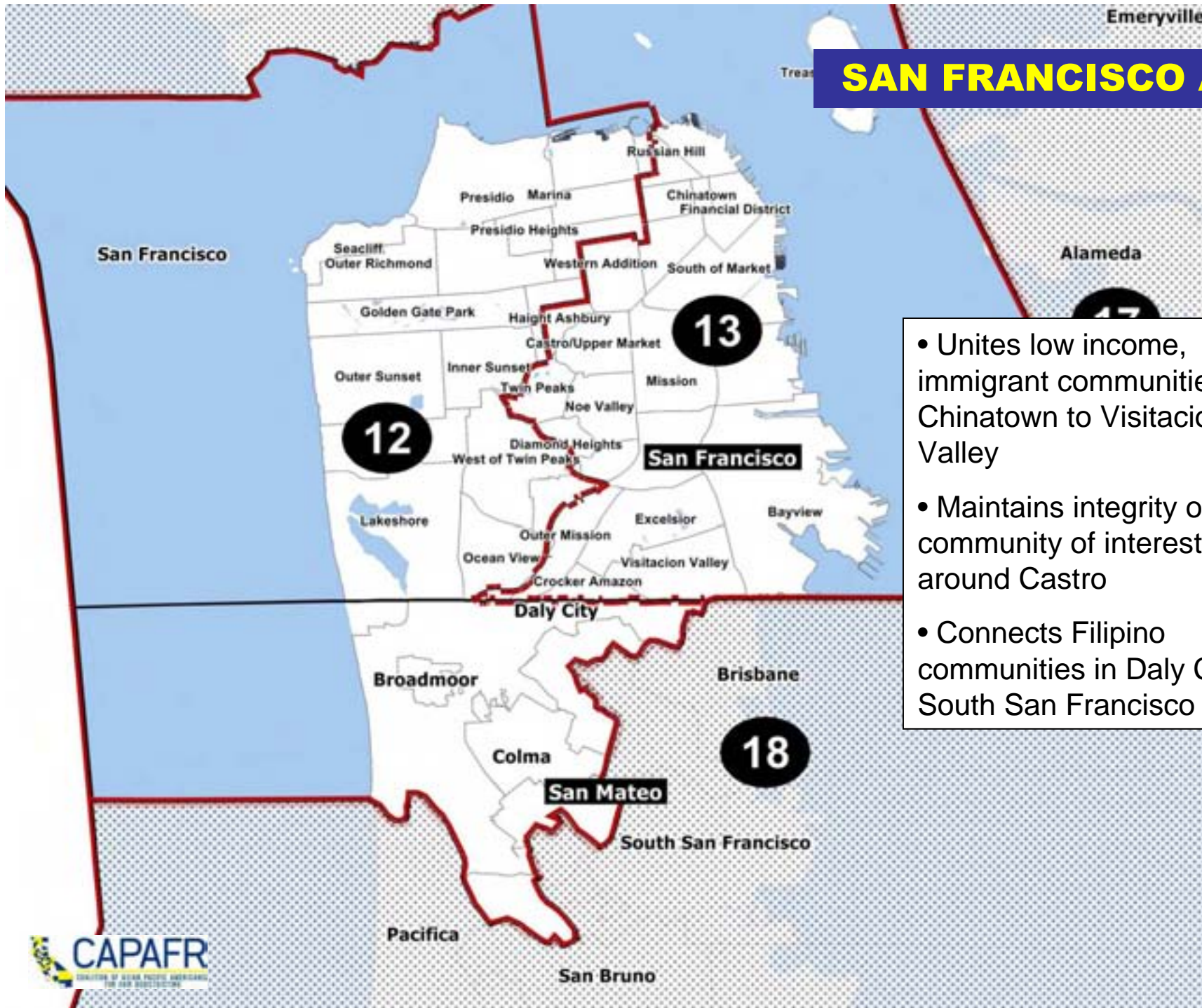
- Assembly districts too small to include the city Sacramento and adjacent areas with strong social and economic ties
- Senate allows these areas to be whole in one district



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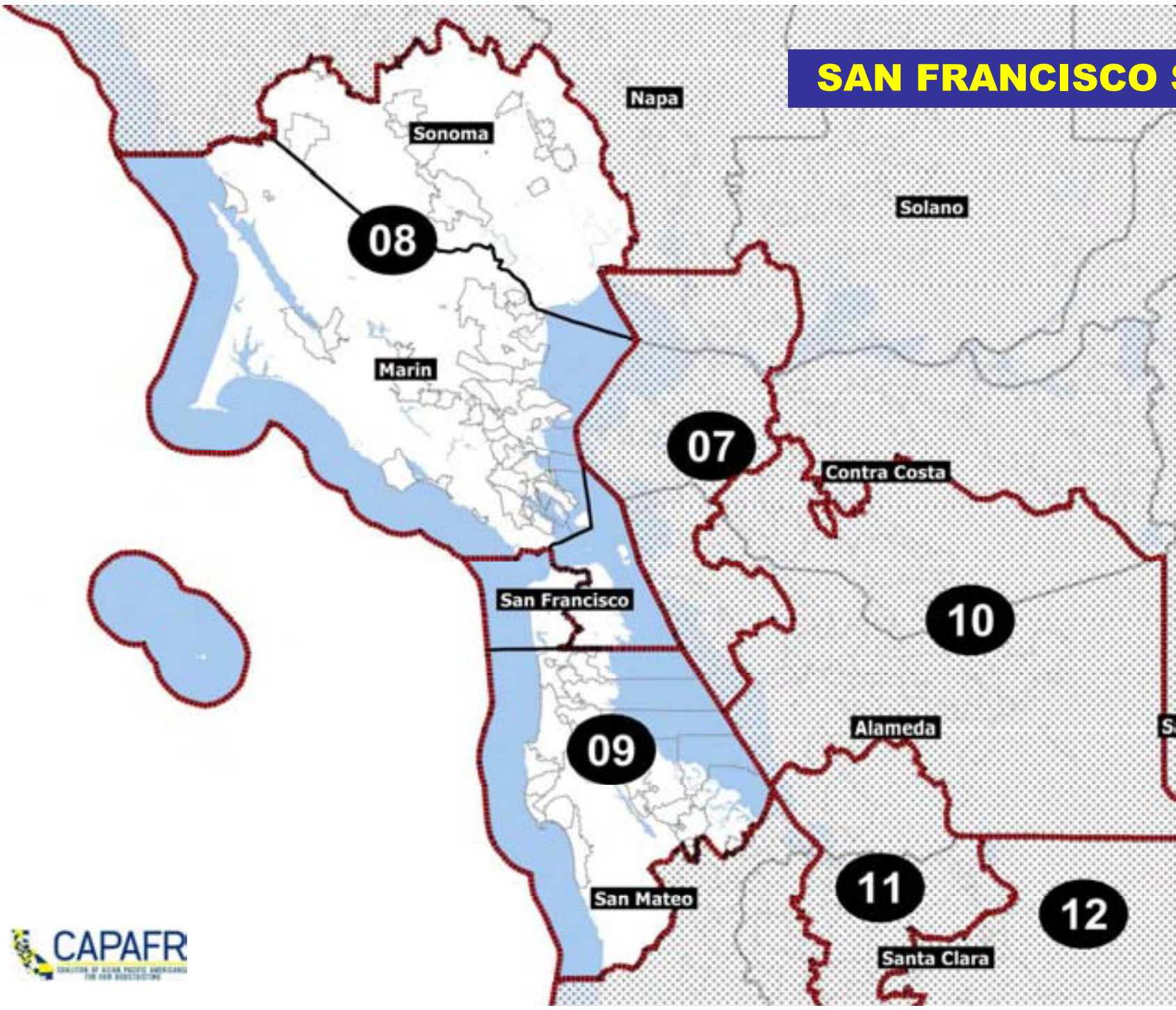


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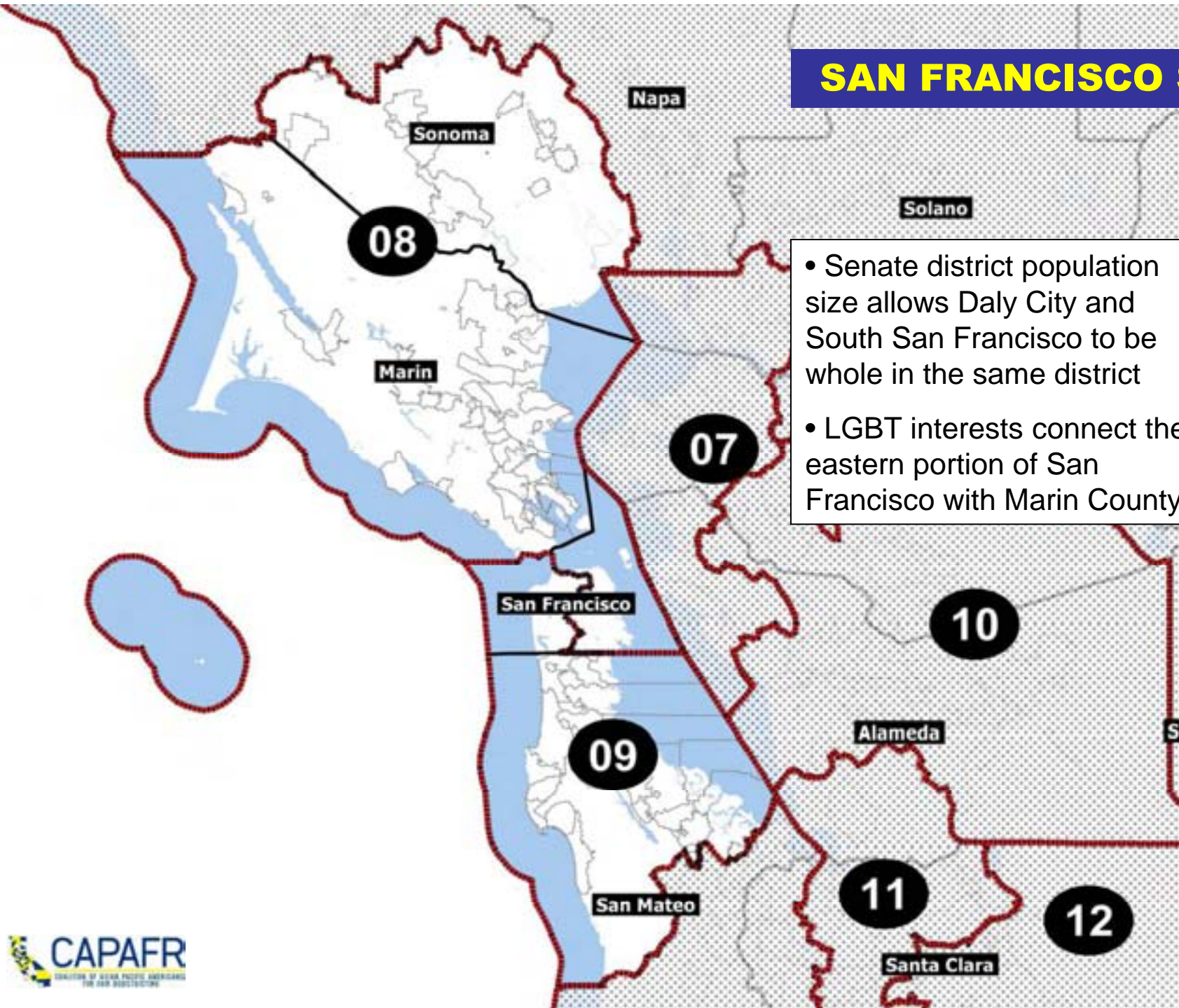
- Unites low income, immigrant communities from Chinatown to Visitacion Valley
- Maintains integrity of LGBT community of interest in and around Castro
- Connects Filipino communities in Daly City and South San Francisco

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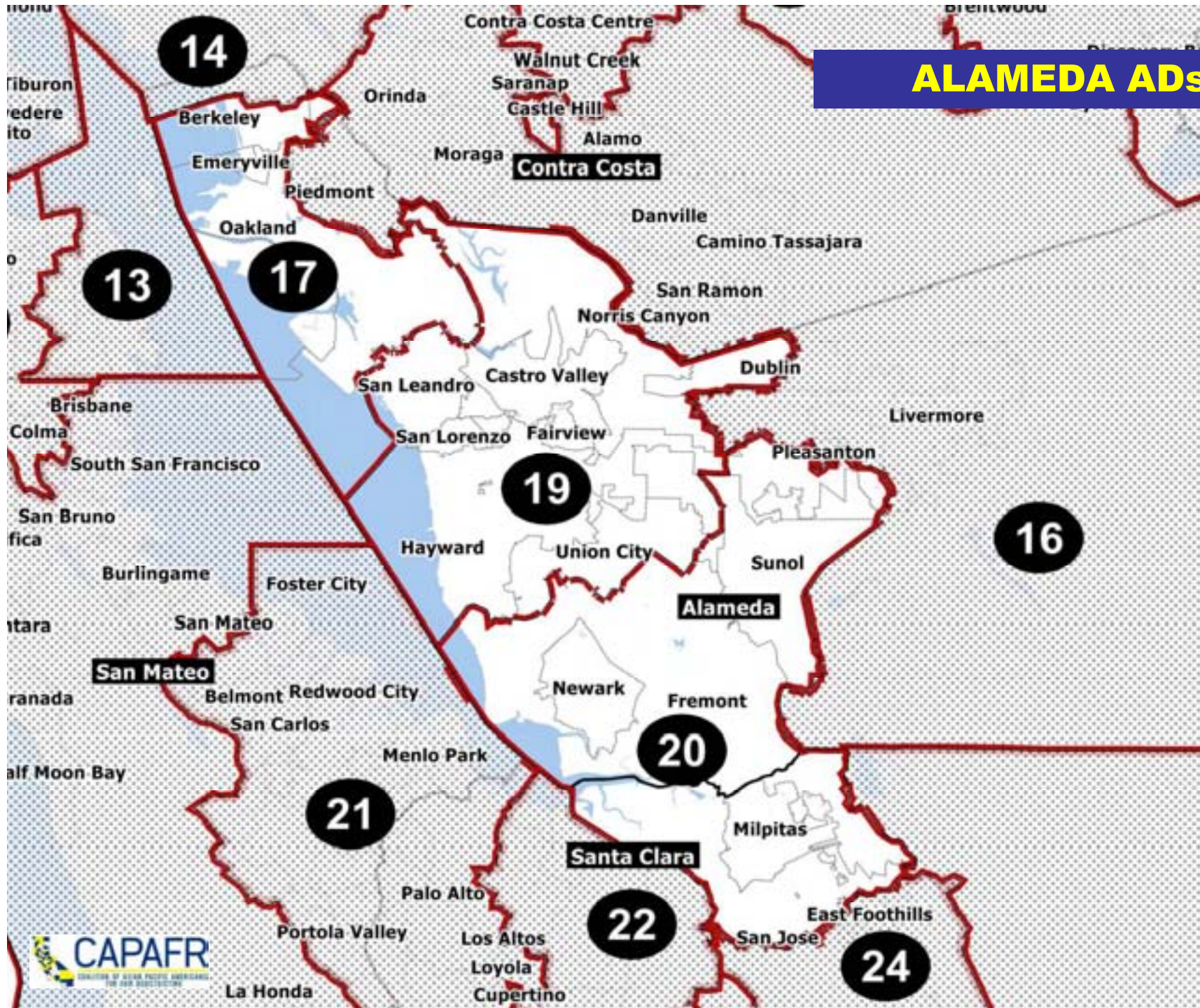


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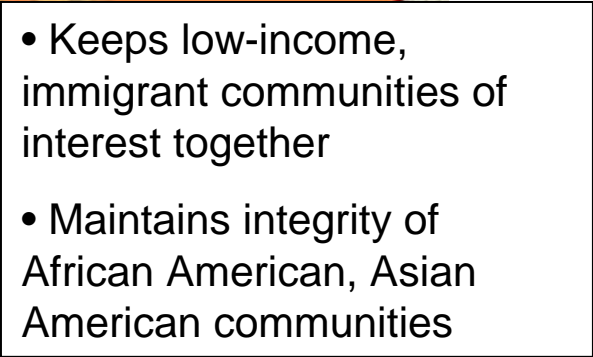
- Senate district population size allows Daly City and South San Francisco to be whole in the same district
- LGBT interests connect the eastern portion of San Francisco with Marin County



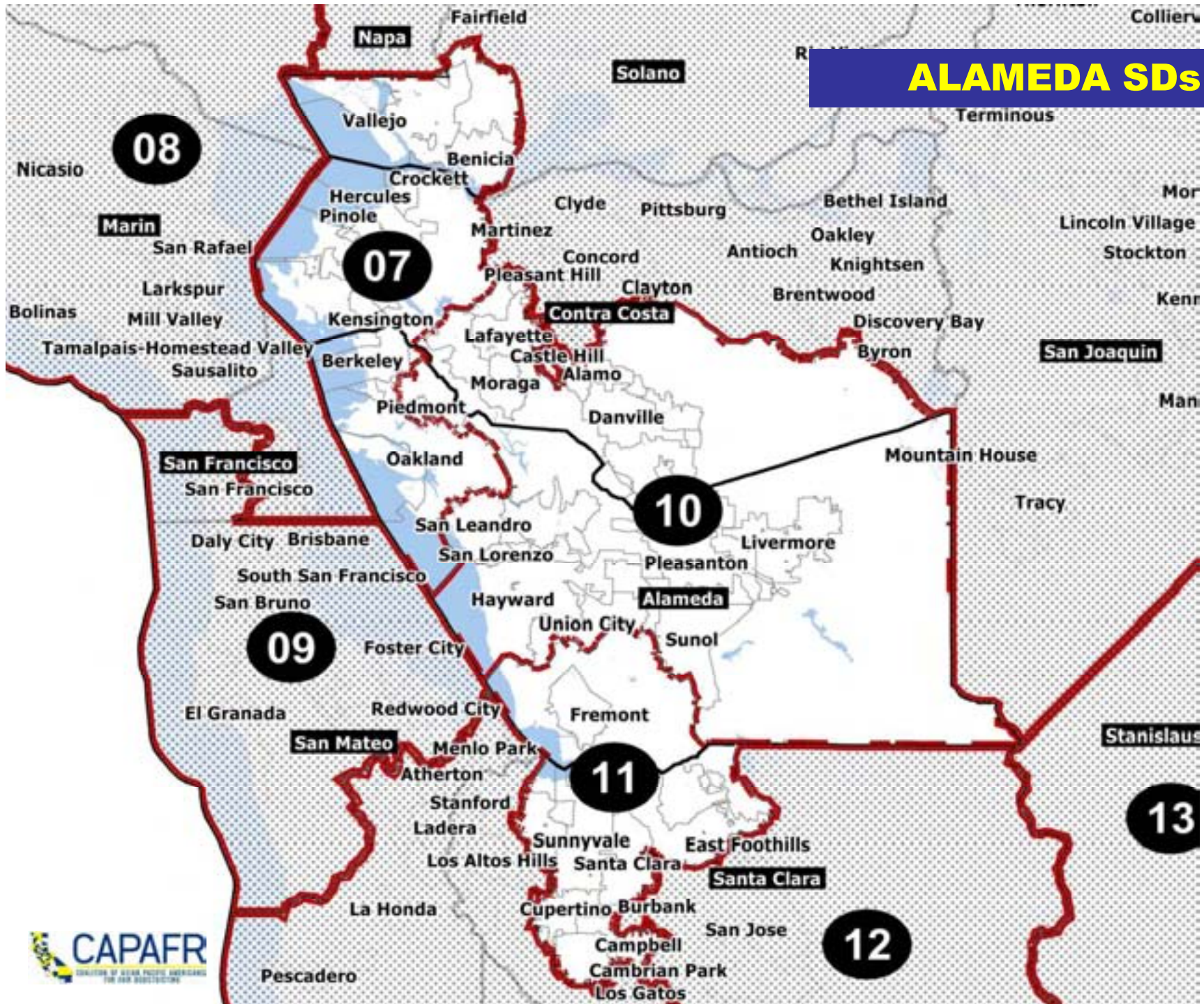
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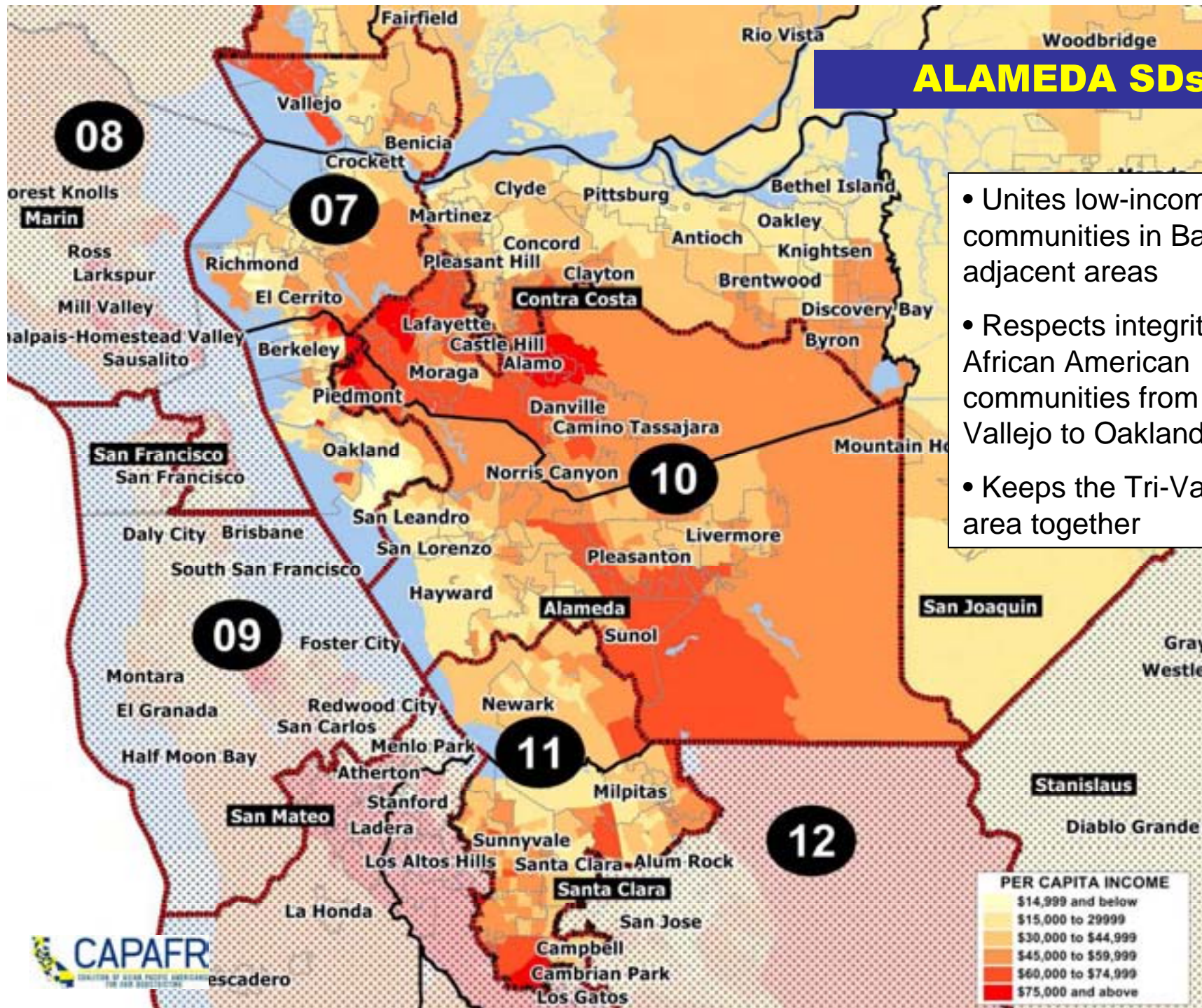


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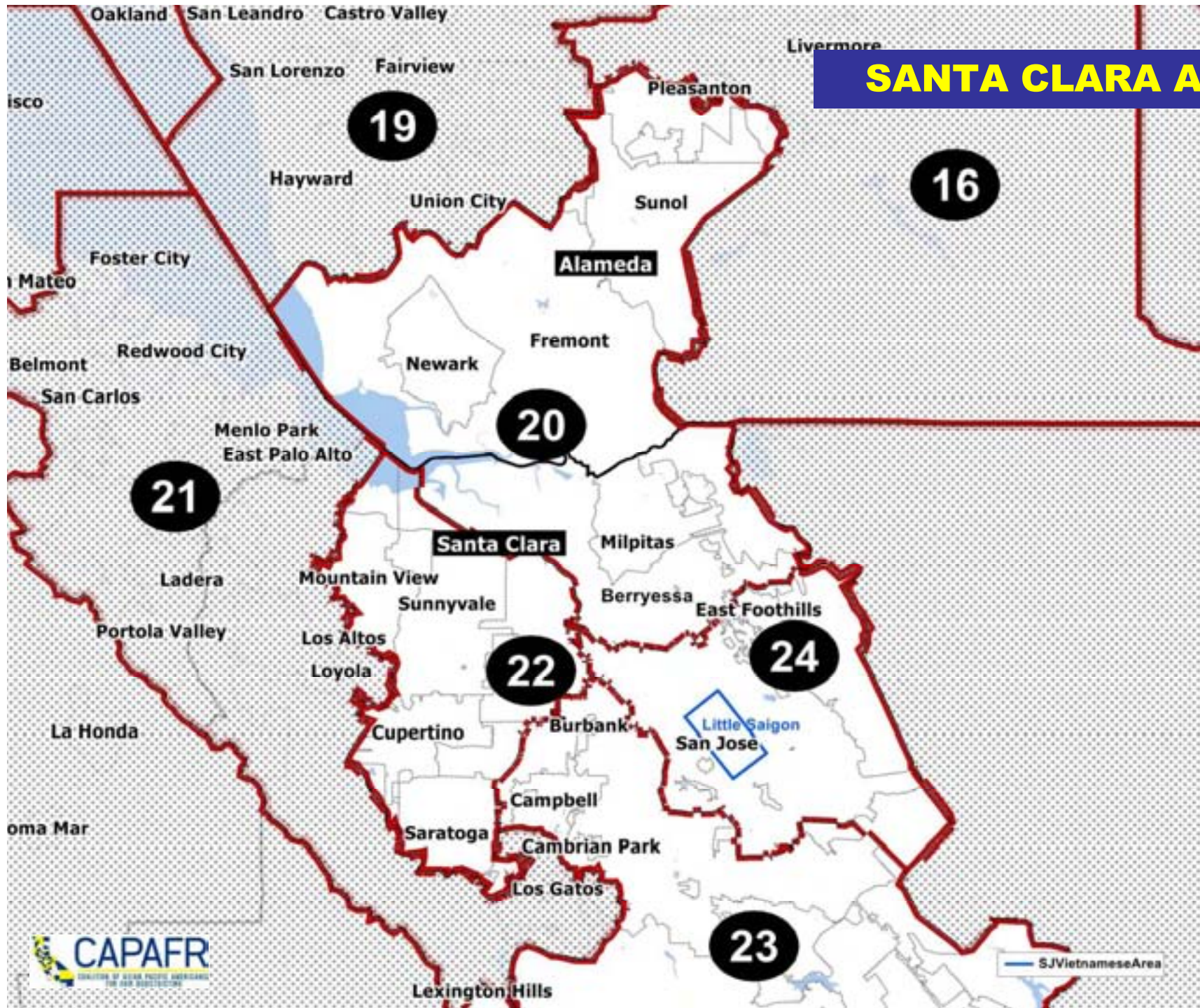


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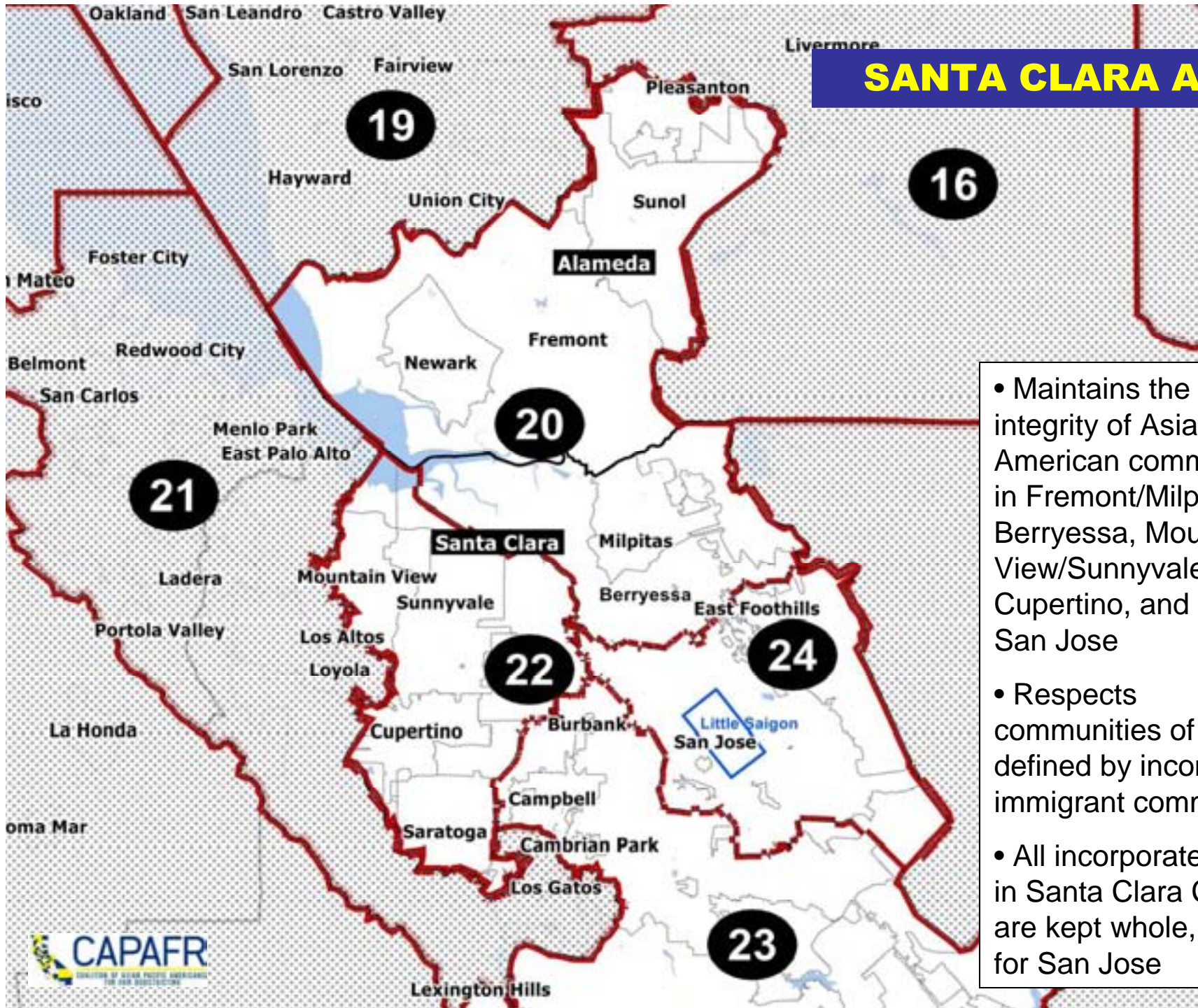
- Unites low-income communities in Bay-adjacent areas
- Respects integrity of African American communities from Vallejo to Oakland
- Keeps the Tri-Valley area together



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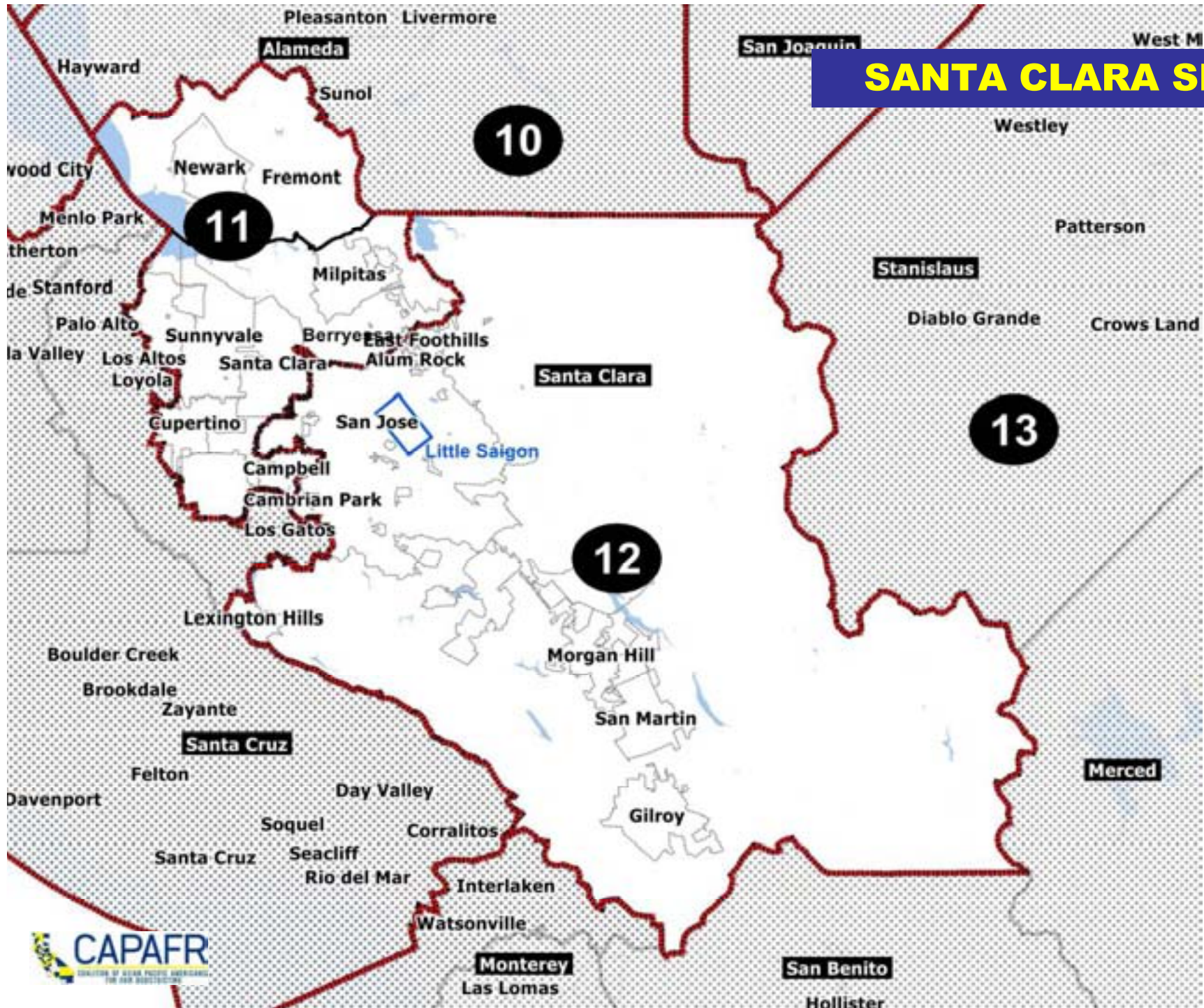


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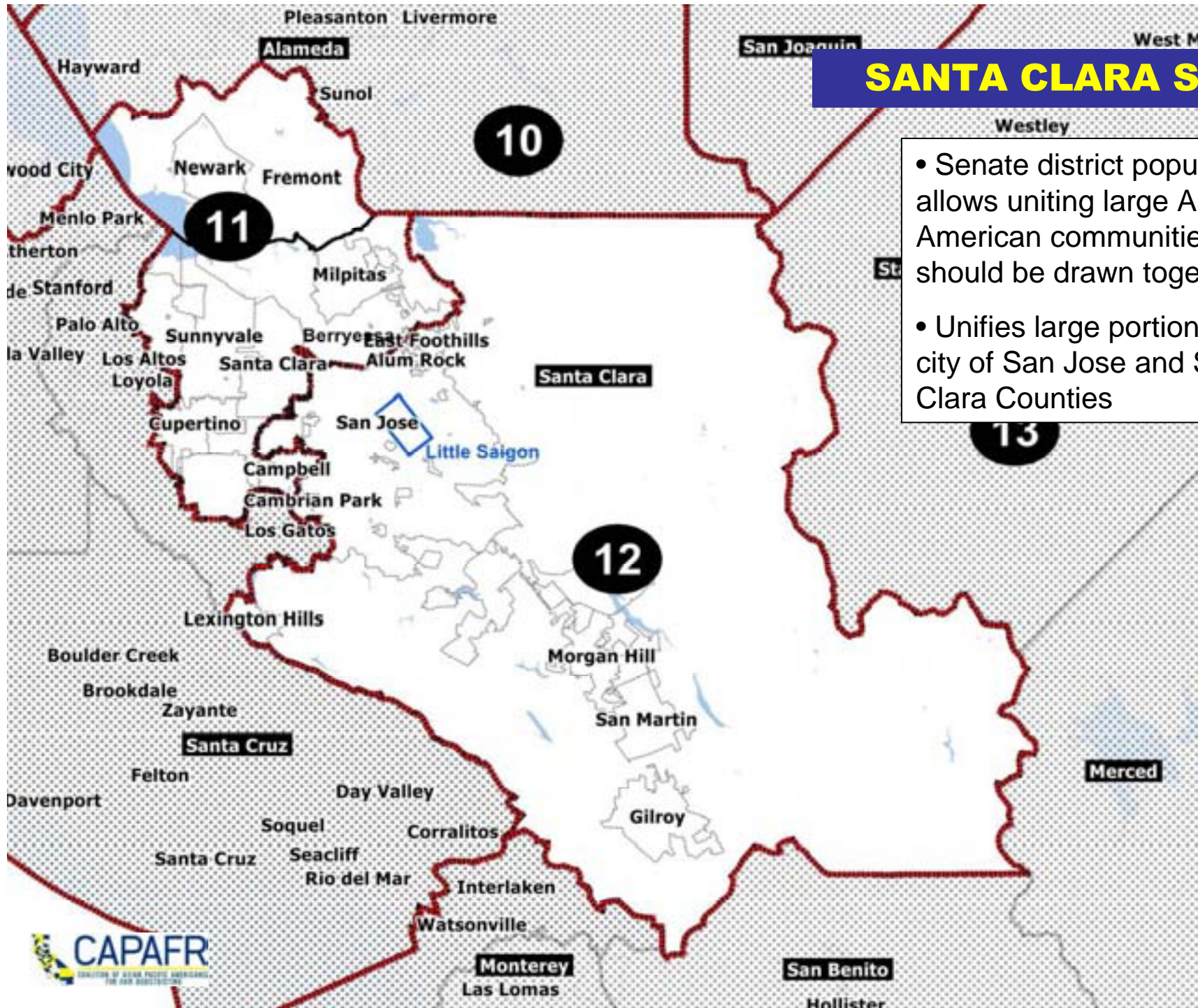
- Maintains the integrity of Asian American communities in Fremont/Milpitas/Berryessa, Mountain View/Sunnyvale/Cupertino, and east San Jose
- Respects communities of interest defined by income, immigrant communities
- All incorporated cities in Santa Clara County are kept whole, except for San Jose

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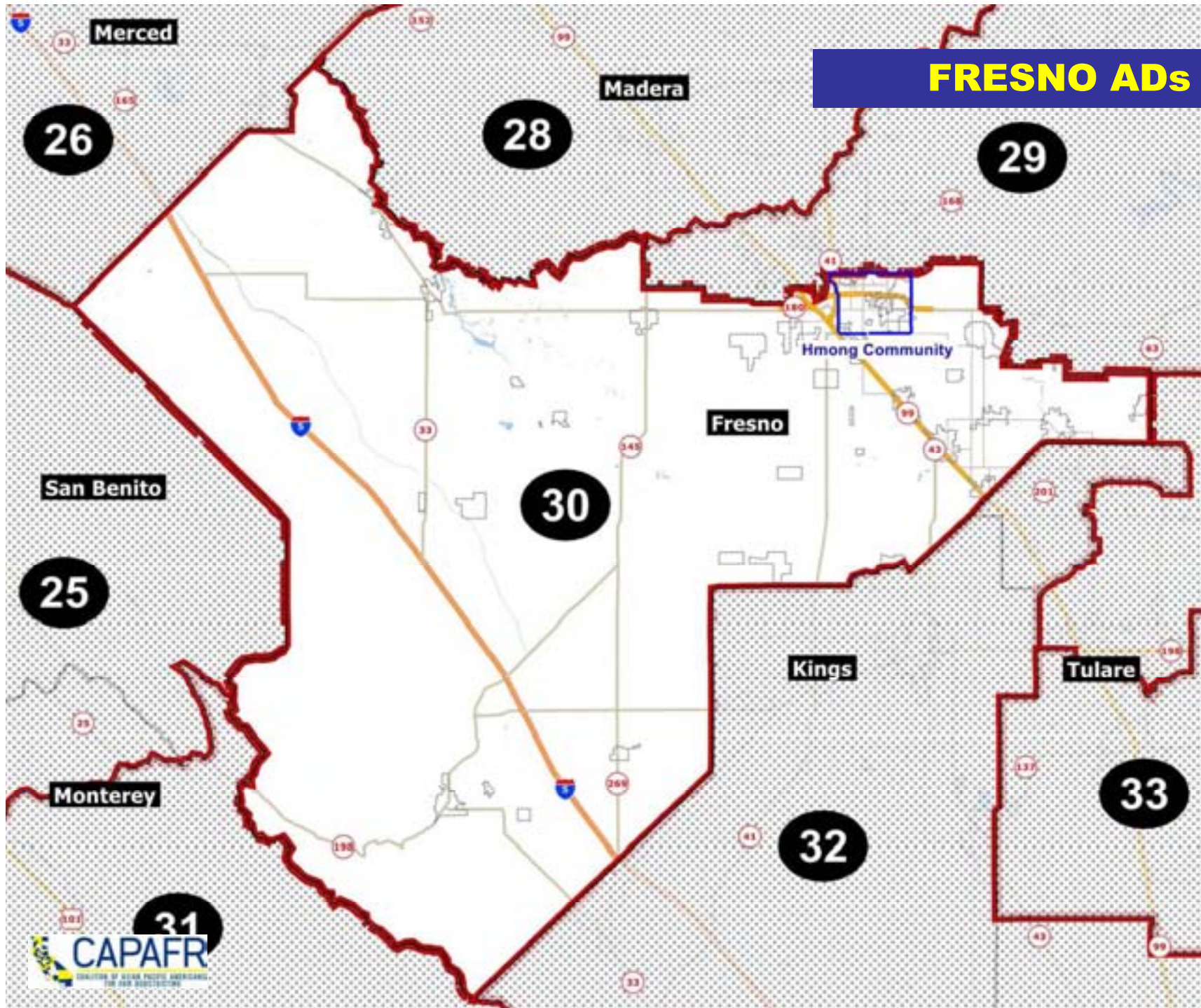


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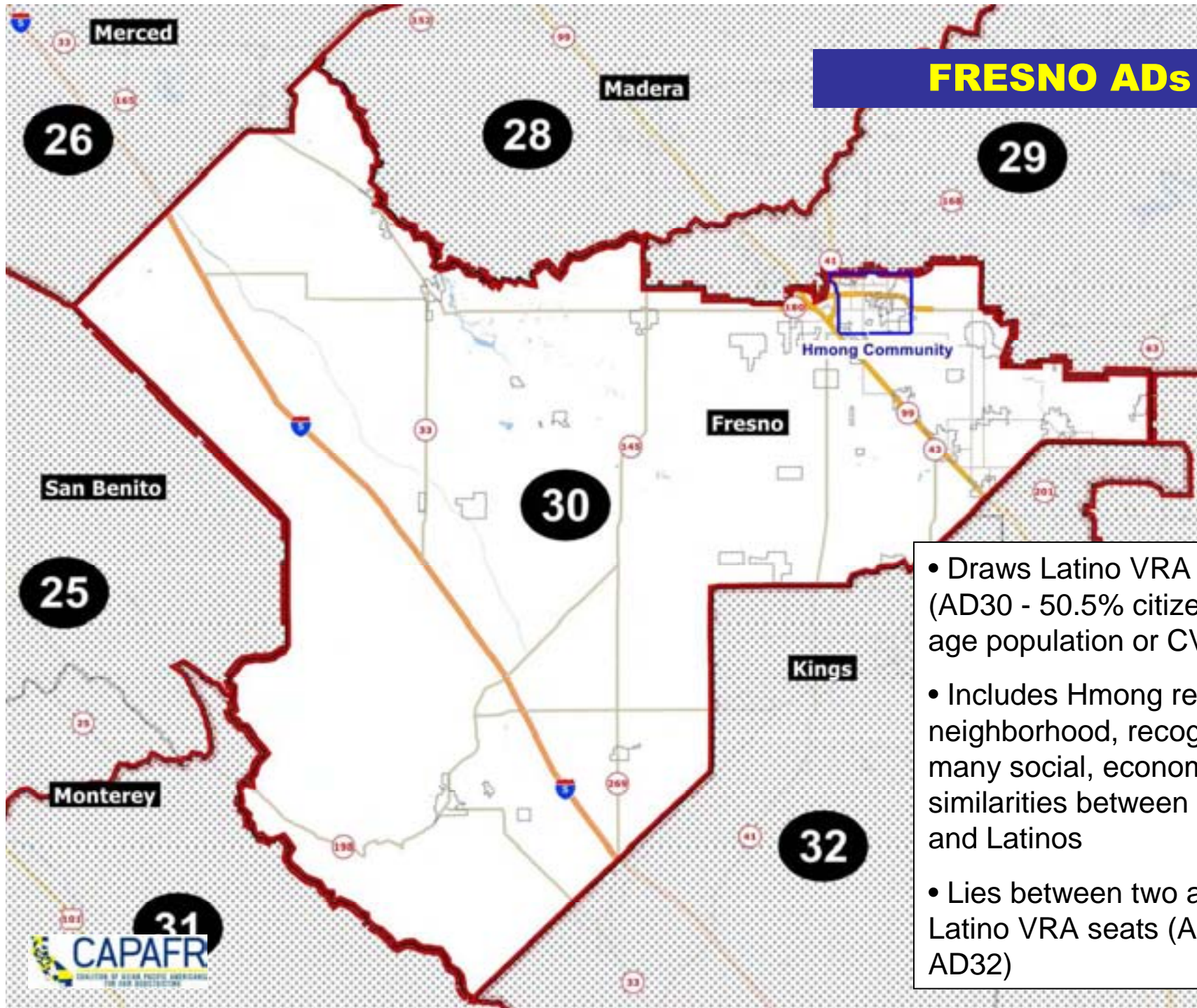
- Senate district population allows uniting large Asian American communities that should be drawn together
- Unifies large portions of the city of San Jose and Santa Clara Counties



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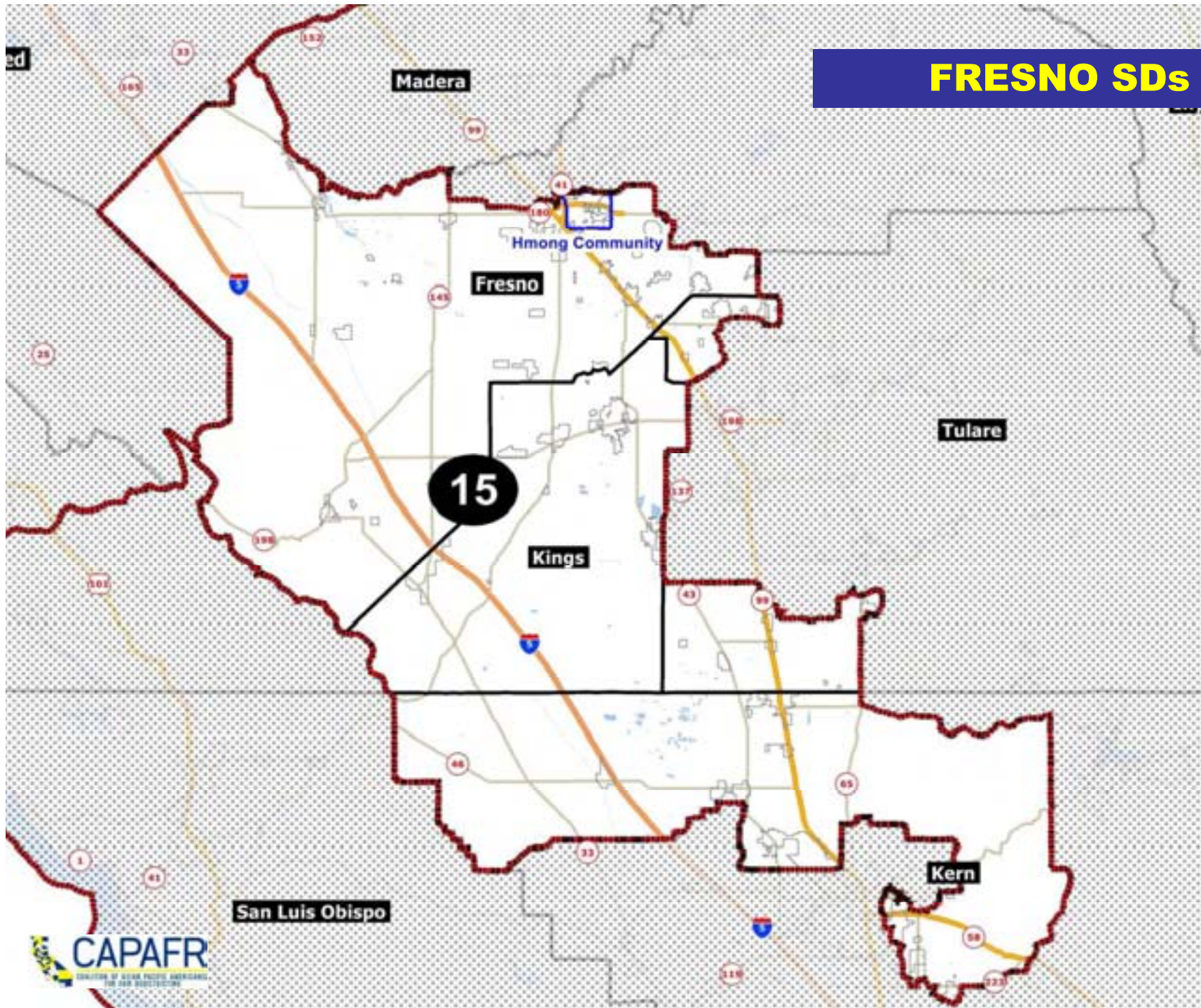


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- Draws Latino VRA district (AD30 - 50.5% citizen voting age population or CVAP)
- Includes Hmong refugee neighborhood, recognizing many social, economic similarities between Hmong and Latinos
- Lies between two additional Latino VRA seats (AD26, AD32)

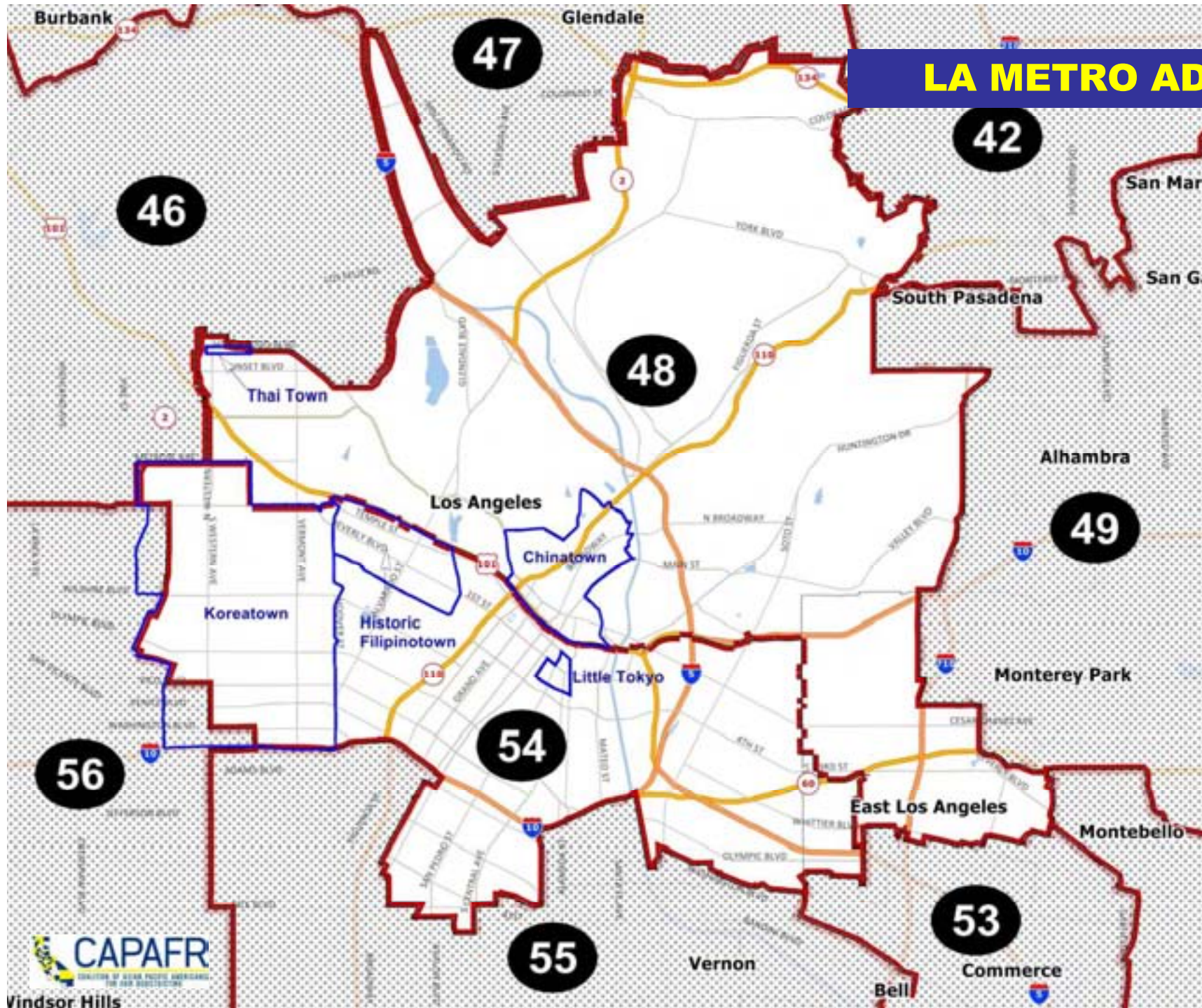
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- Draws Sections 2 and 5 Latino VRA districts (SD15 – 51.8% CVAP)
- Non-compact district necessary to prevent retrogression under Section 5

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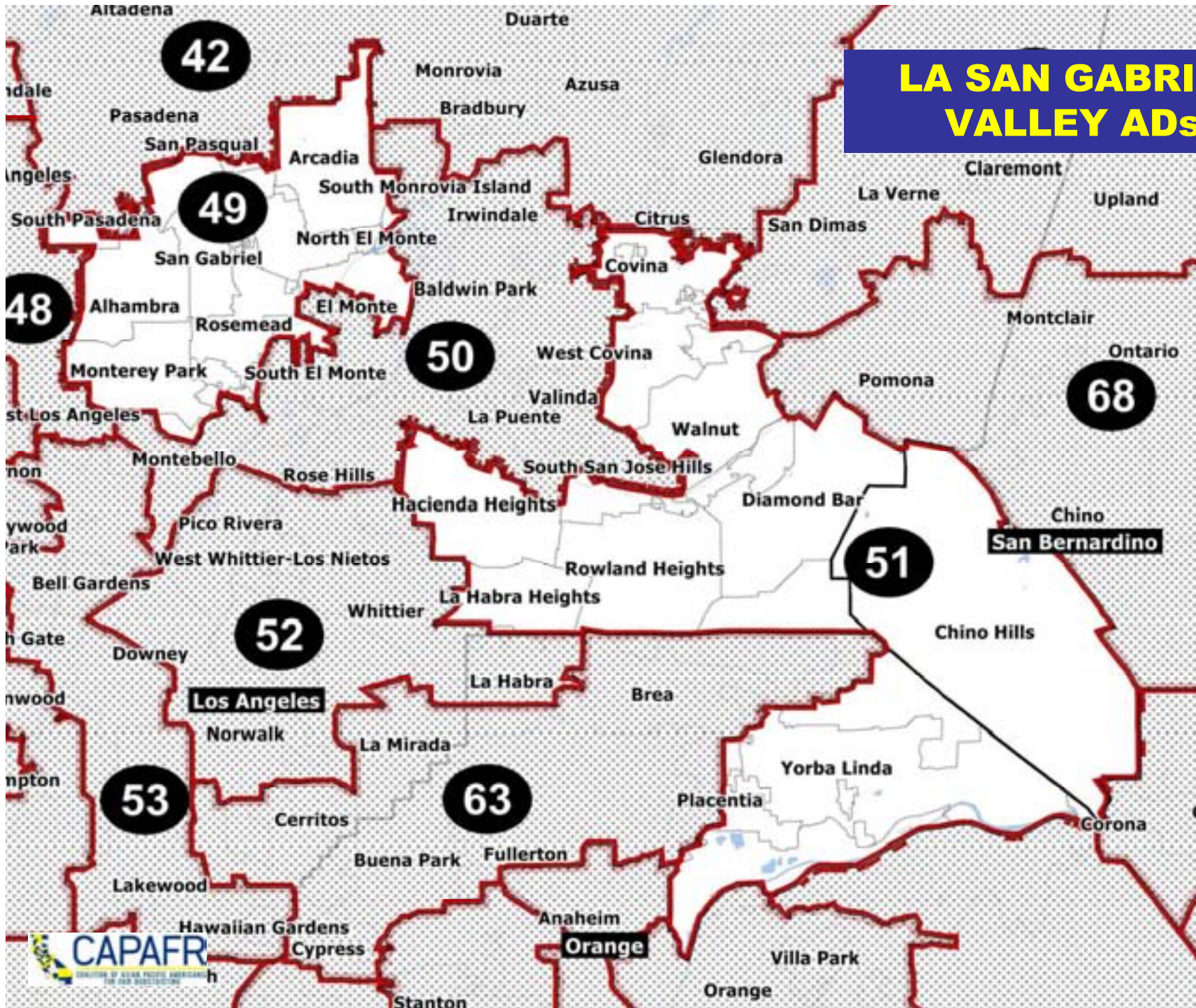


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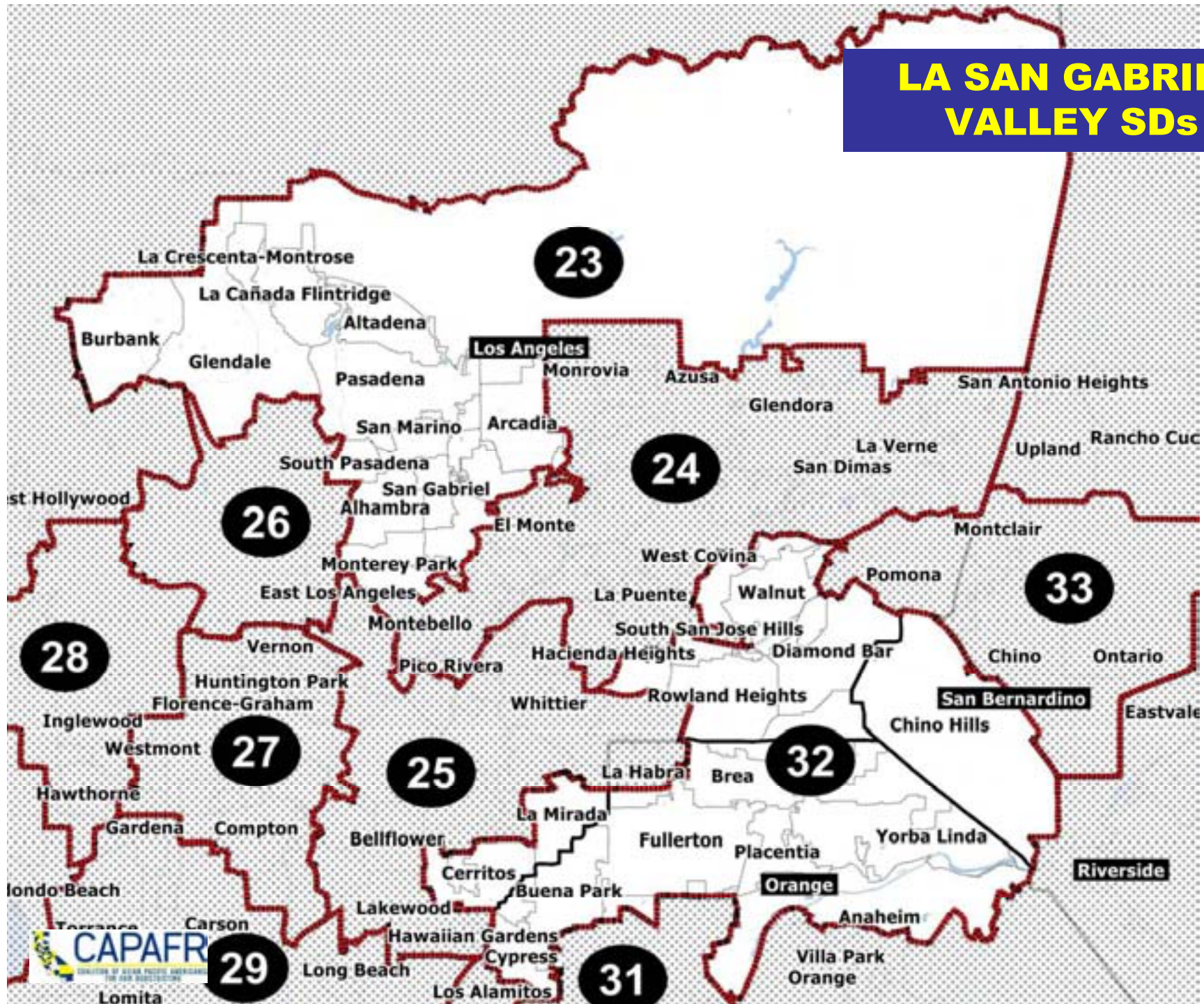


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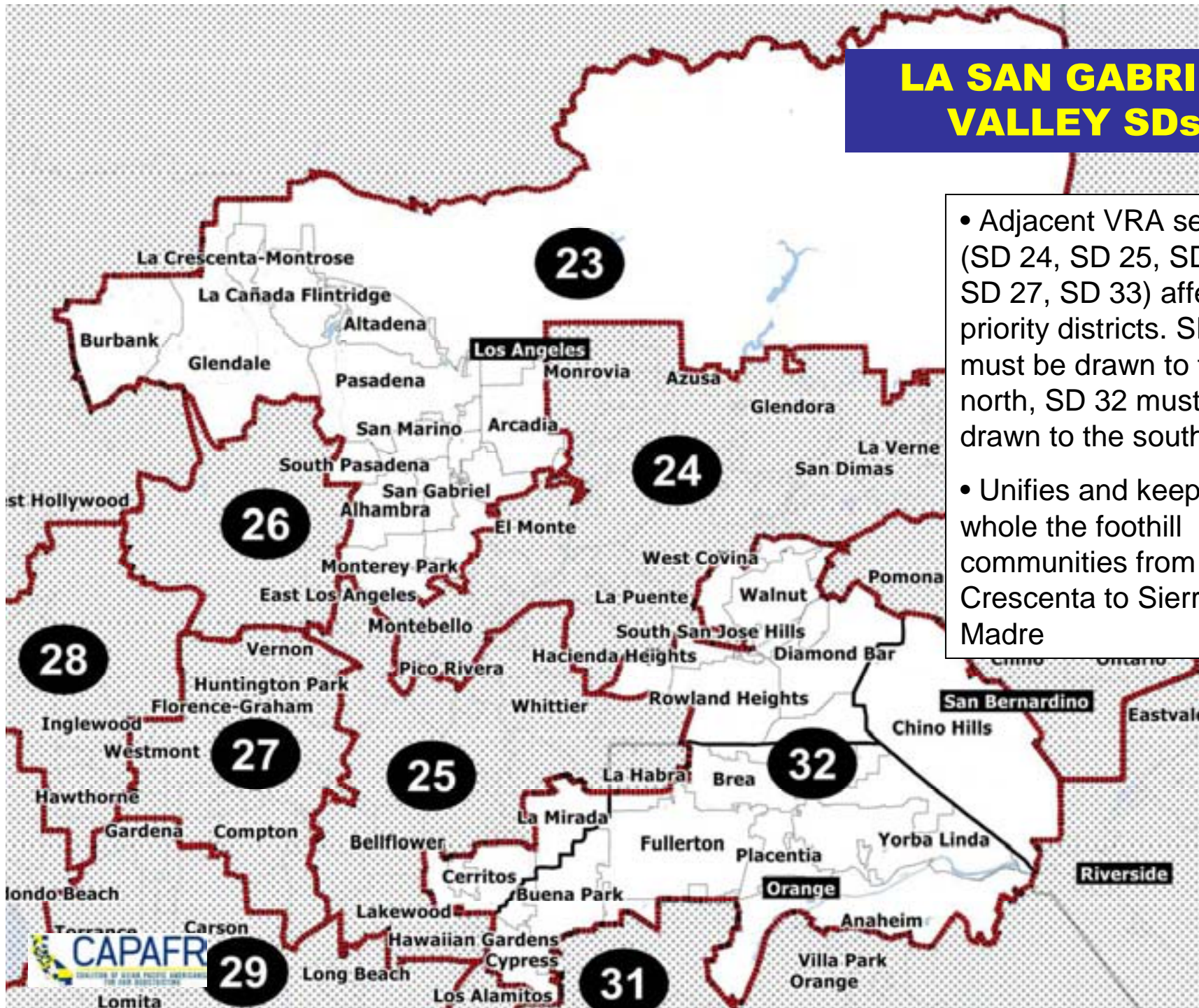
- Draws western San Gabriel Valley VRA district
- Draws two communities of interest based on interest based percent foreign born and percent limited English proficiency Academic Performance scores for schools while drawing in adjacent Latino seats

- Draws west San Gabriel Valley Asian VRA district (AD 49 - 50.17% CVAP) and evidence of racially polarized voting
- Draws two distinct communities of interest based on percent foreign born, percent limited English proficient & Academic Performance Index scores for schools while drawing adjacent Latino VRA seats

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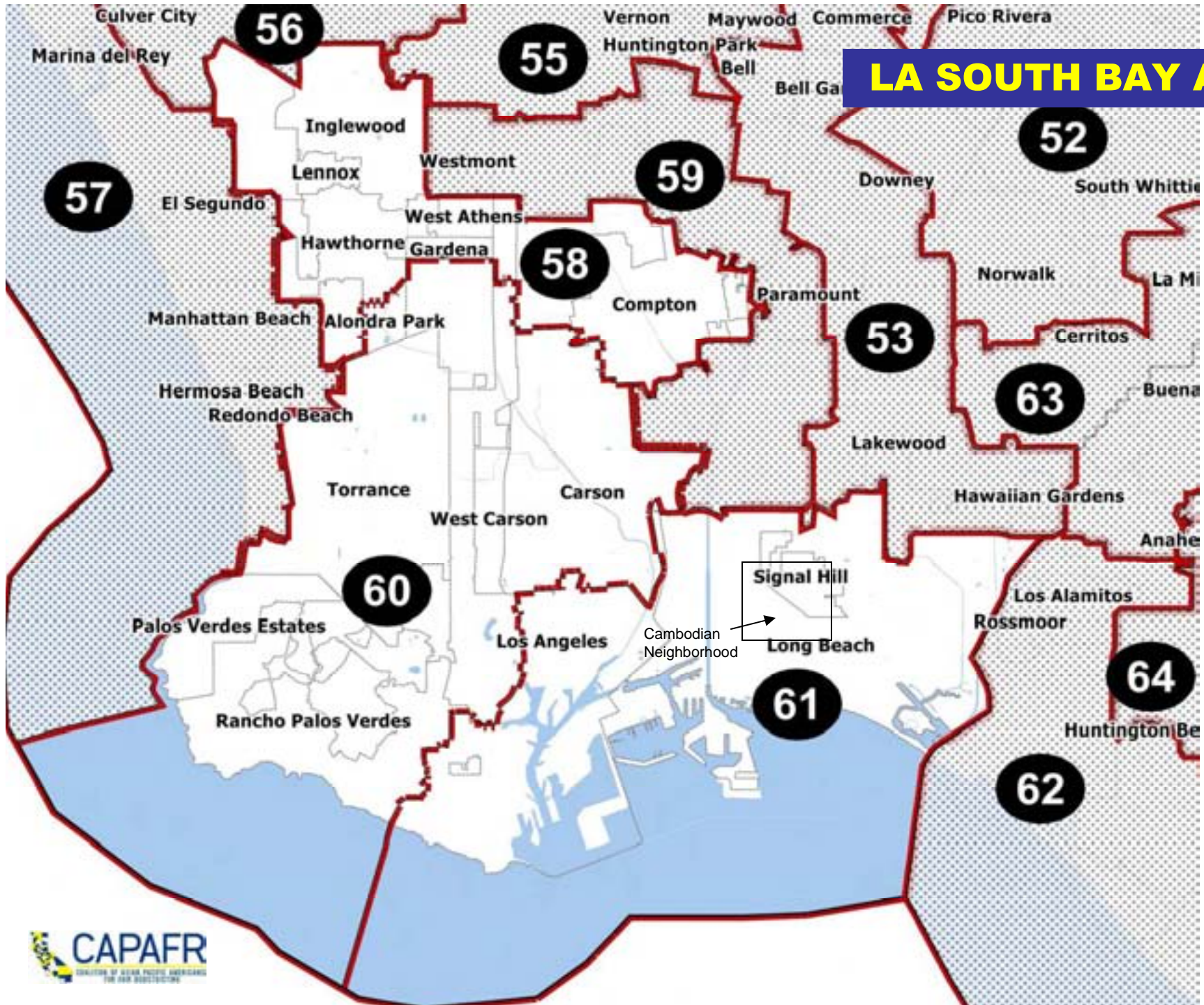


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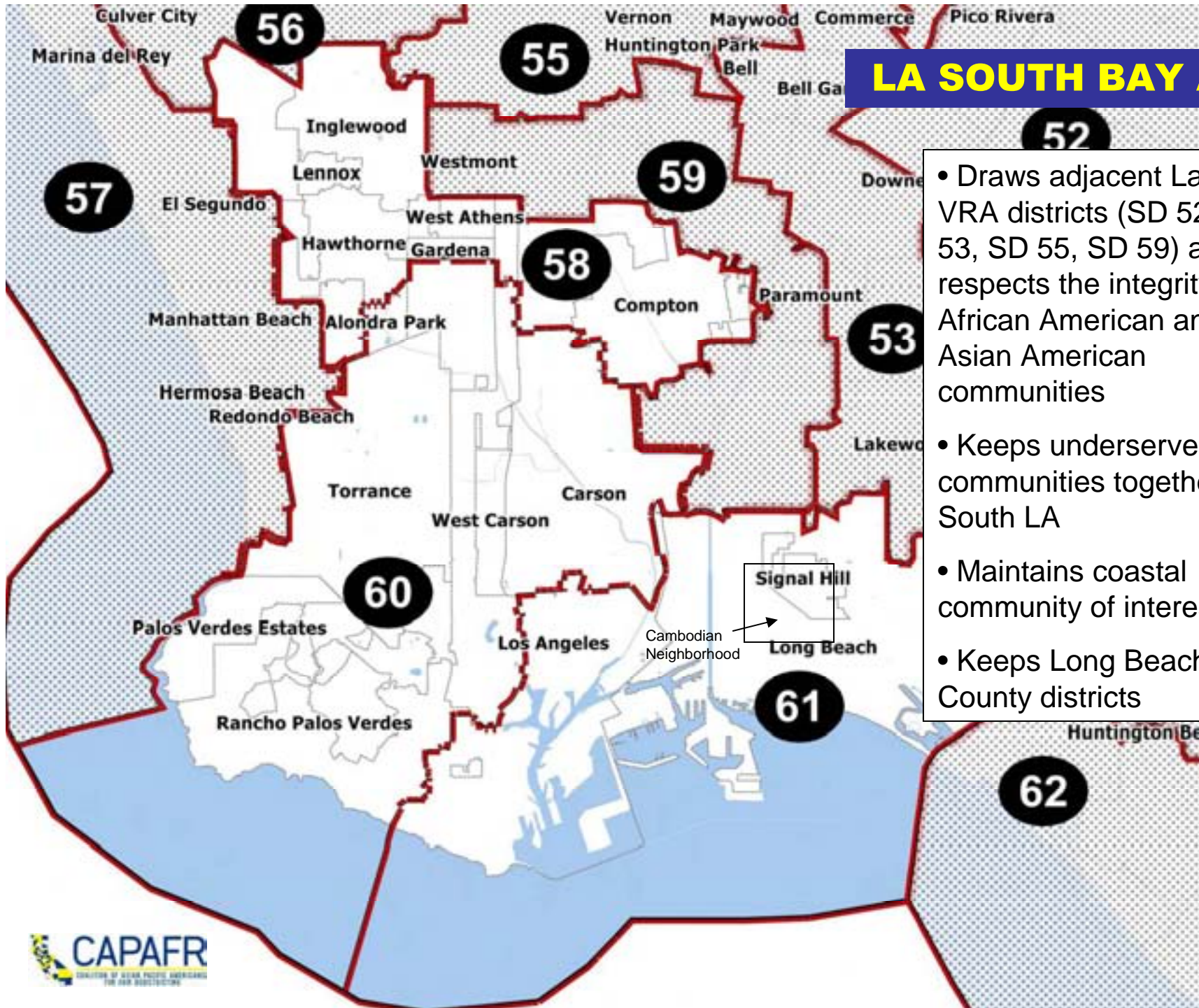


- Adjacent VRA seats (SD 24, SD 25, SD 26, SD 27, SD 33) affect our priority districts. SD 23 must be drawn to the north, SD 32 must be drawn to the south
- Unifies and keeps whole the foothill communities from La Crescenta to Sierra Madre

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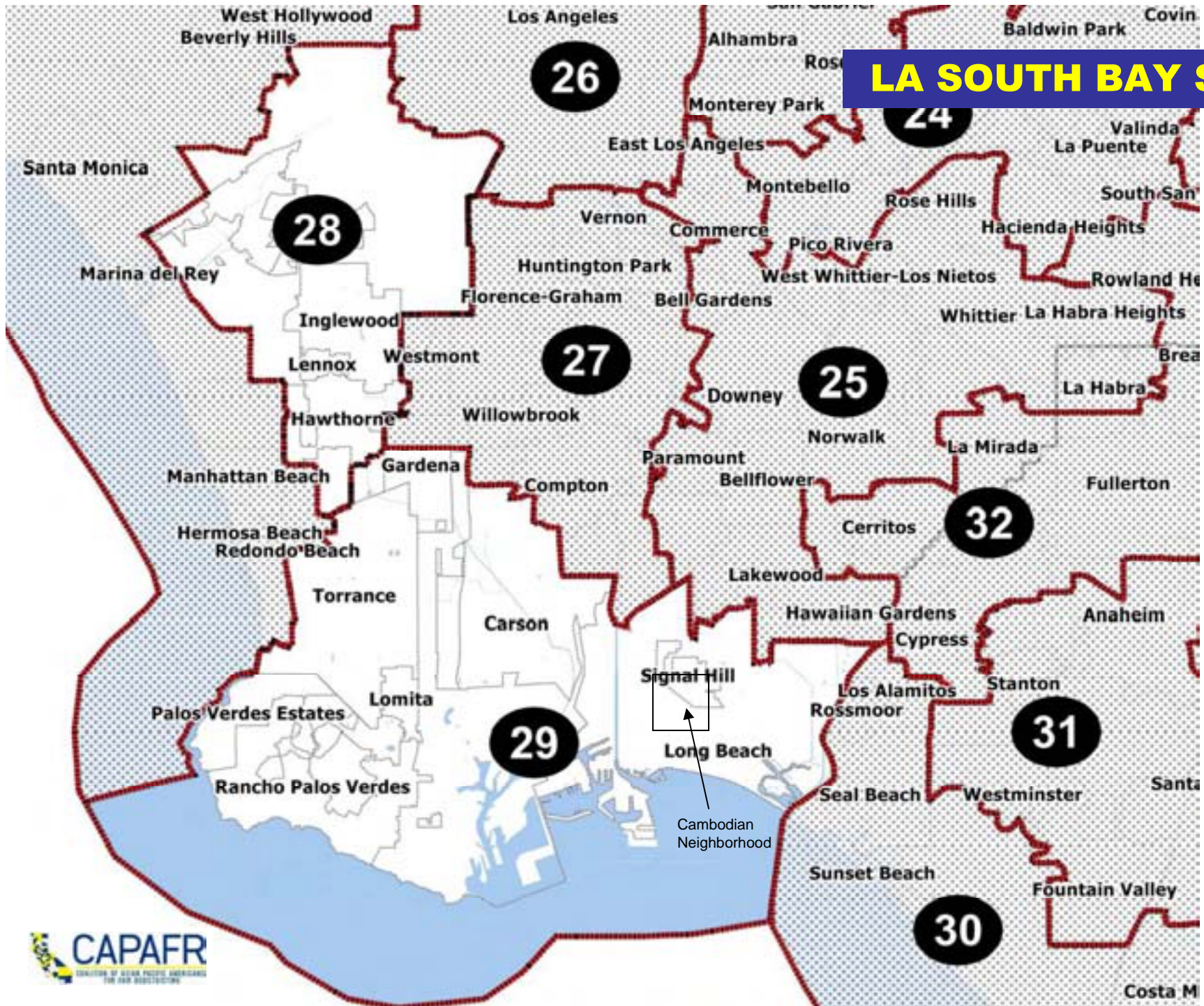


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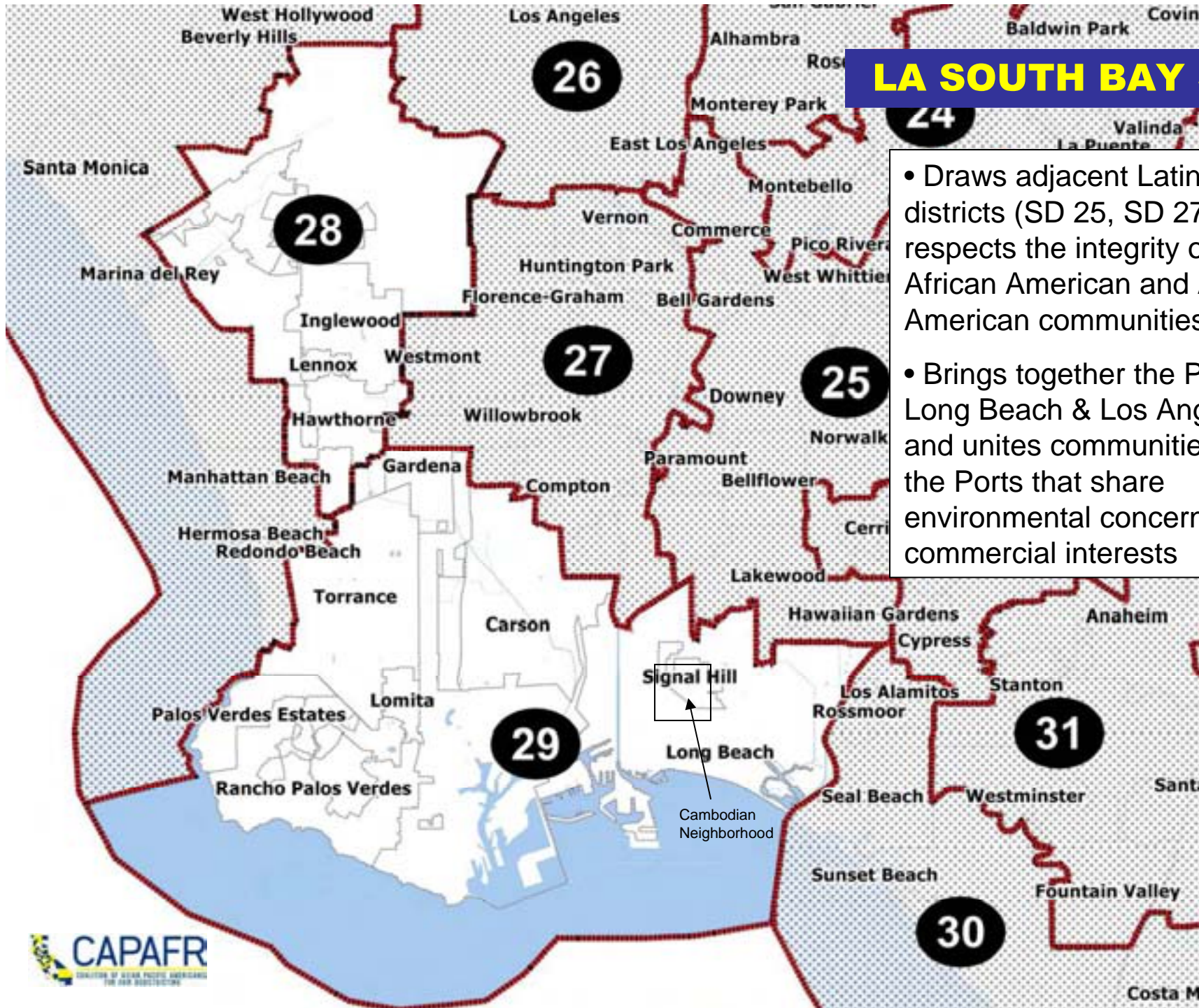
- Draws adjacent Latino VRA districts (SD 52, SD 53, SD 55, SD 59) and respects the integrity of African American and Asian American communities
- Keeps underserved communities together in South LA
- Maintains coastal community of interest
- Keeps Long Beach in LA County districts

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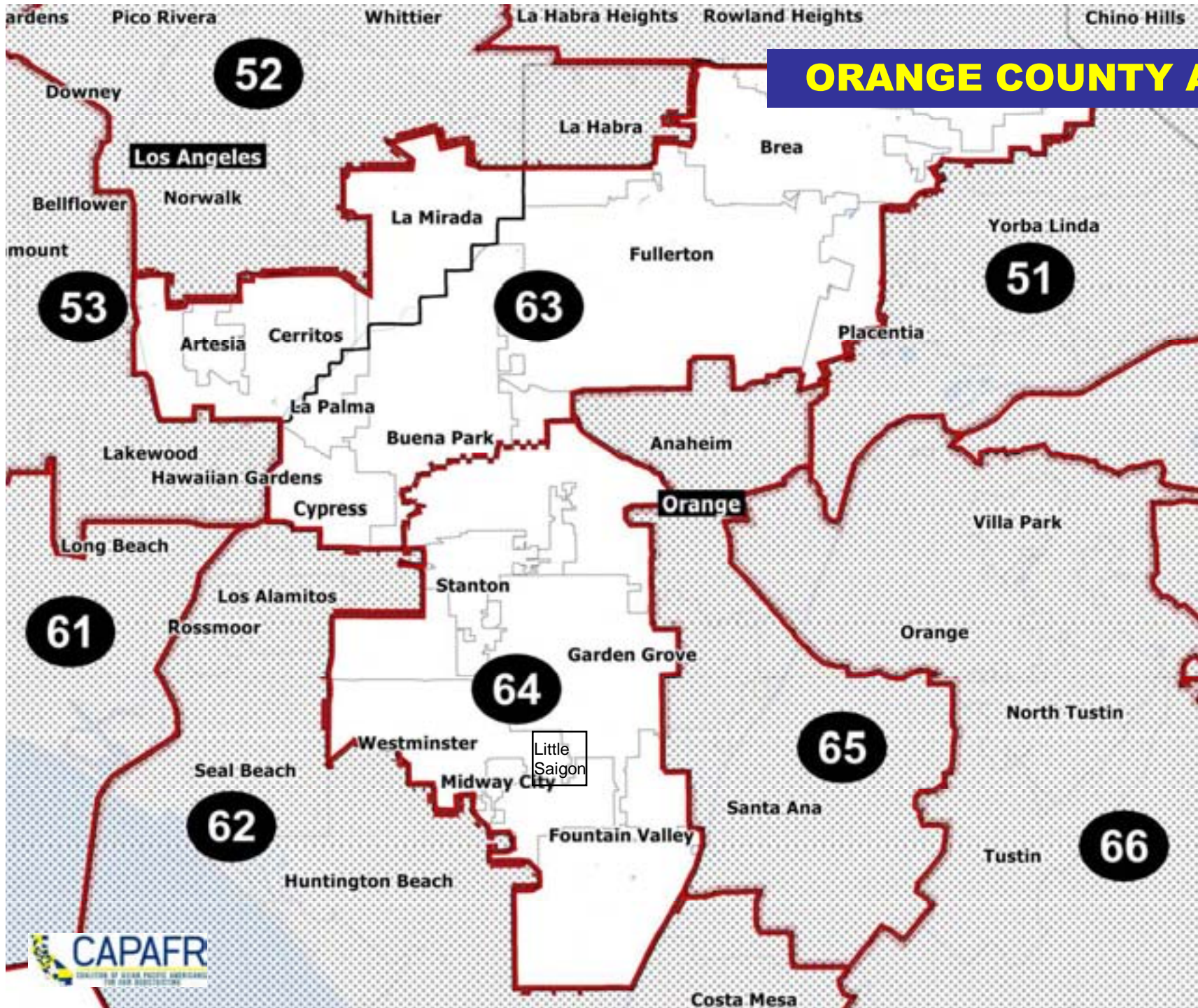


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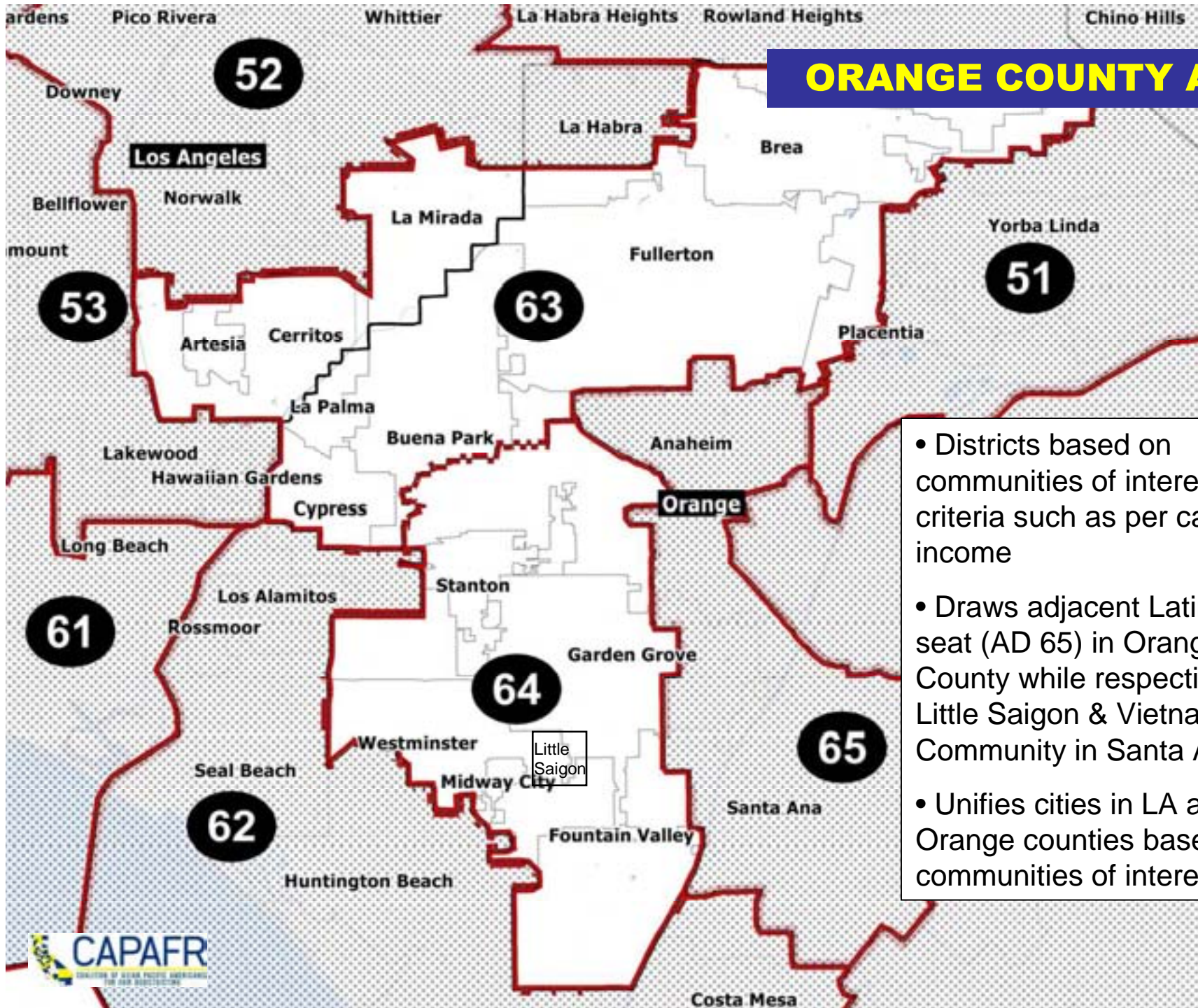
- Draws adjacent Latino VRA districts (SD 25, SD 27) and respects the integrity of African American and Asian American communities
- Brings together the Ports of Long Beach & Los Angeles and unites communities near the Ports that share environmental concerns & commercial interests



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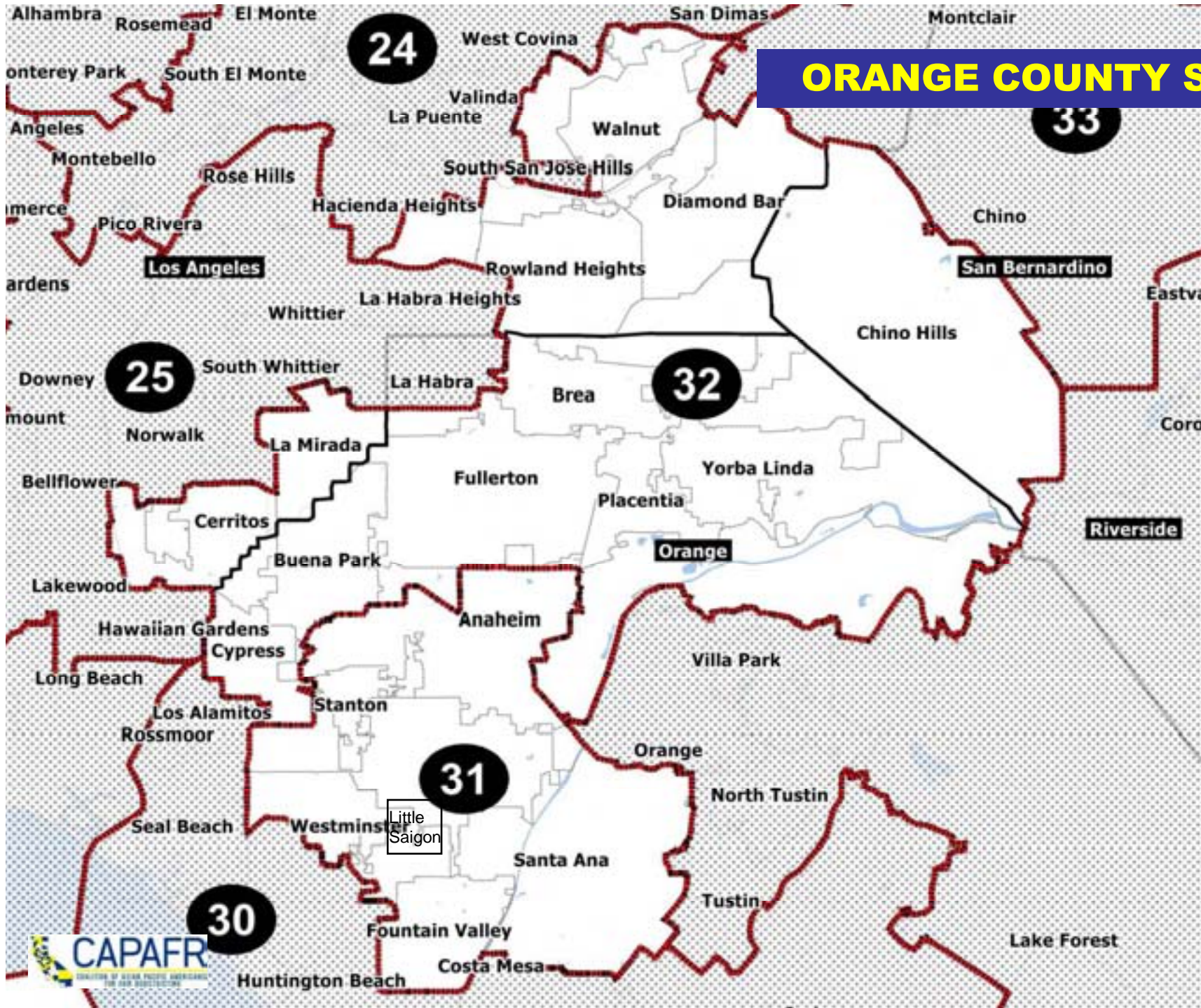


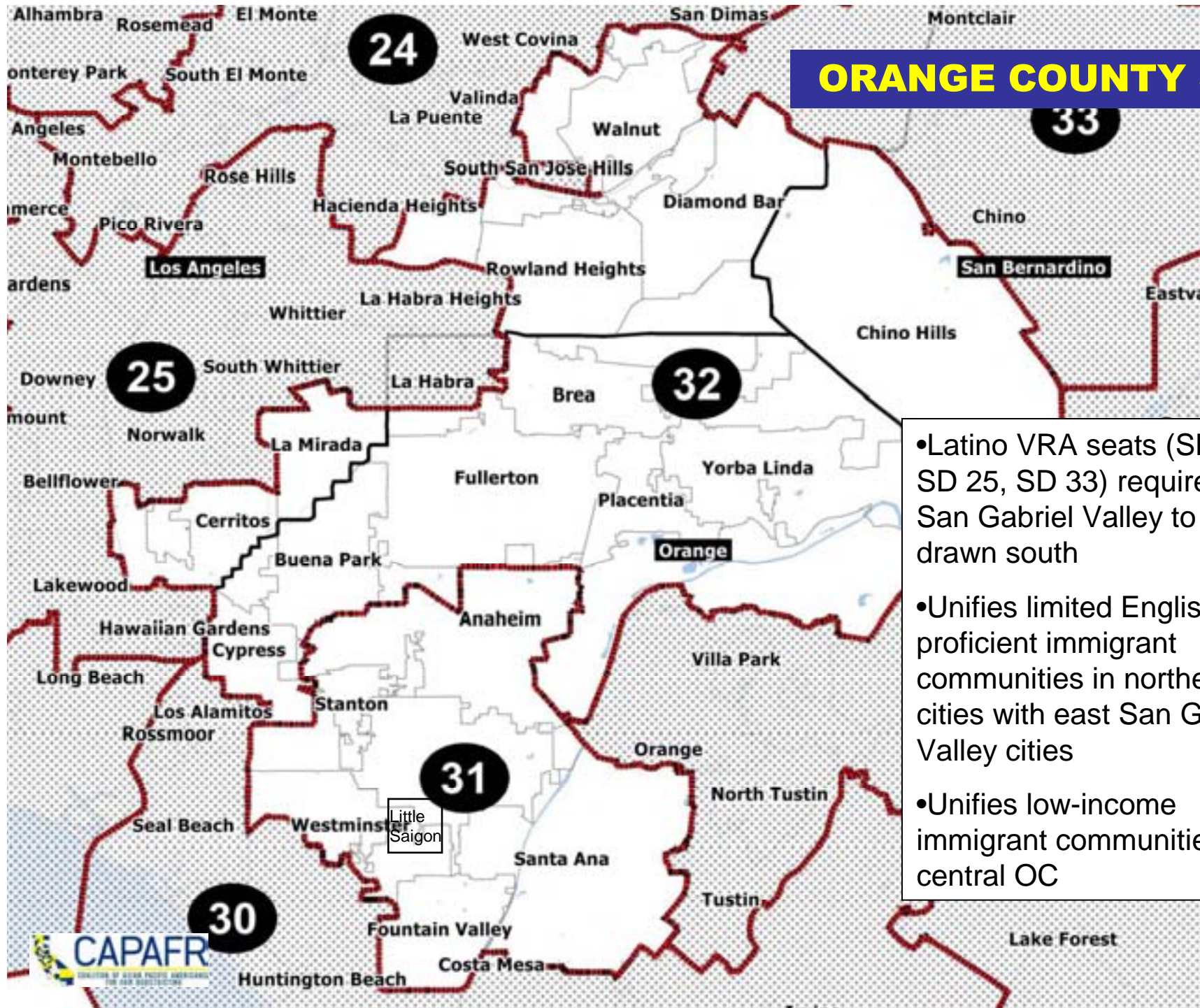
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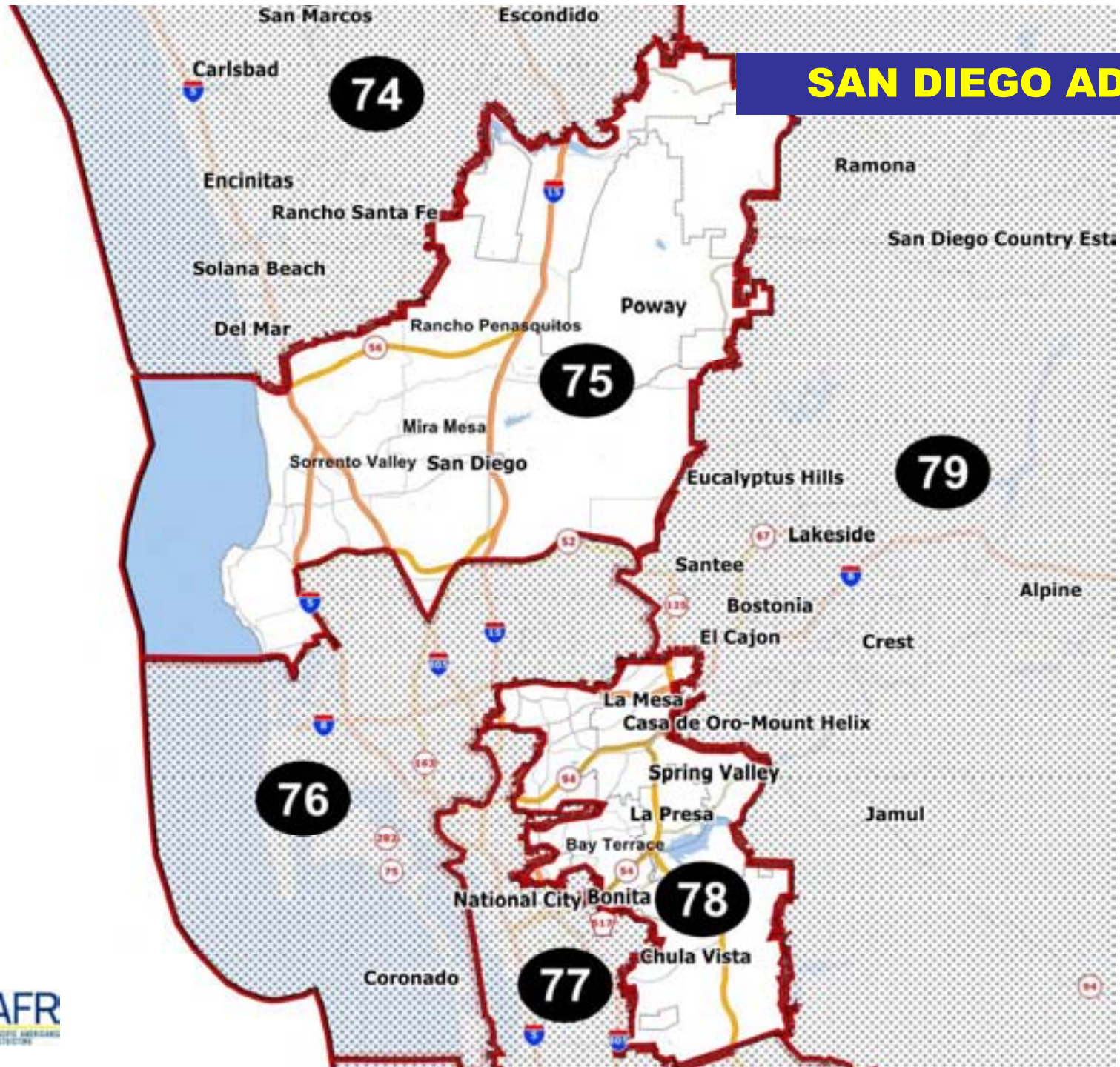
- Districts based on communities of interest criteria such as per capita income
- Draws adjacent Latino VRA seat (AD 65) in Orange County while respecting Little Saigon & Vietnamese Community in Santa Ana
- Unifies cities in LA and Orange counties based on communities of interest

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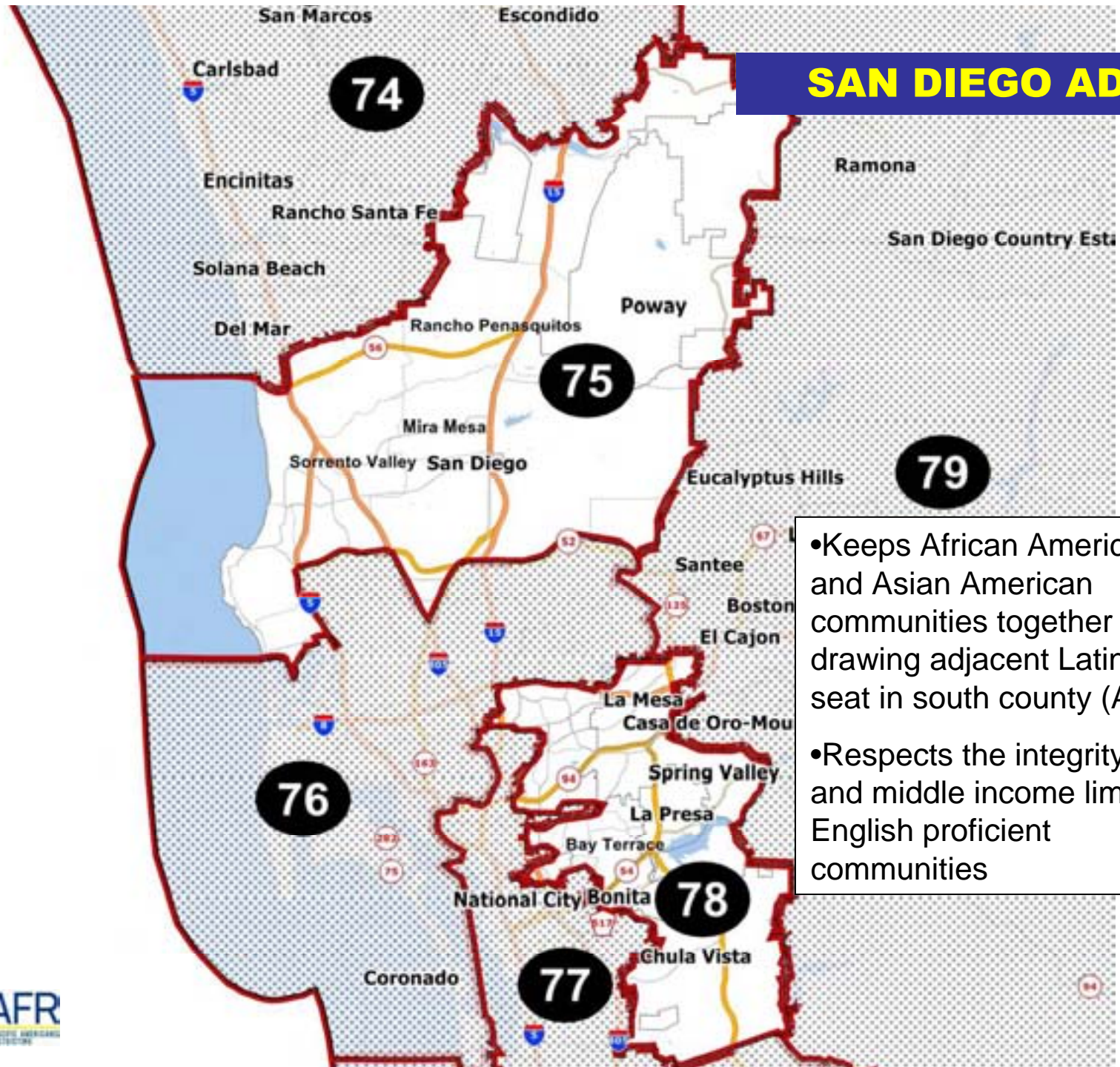




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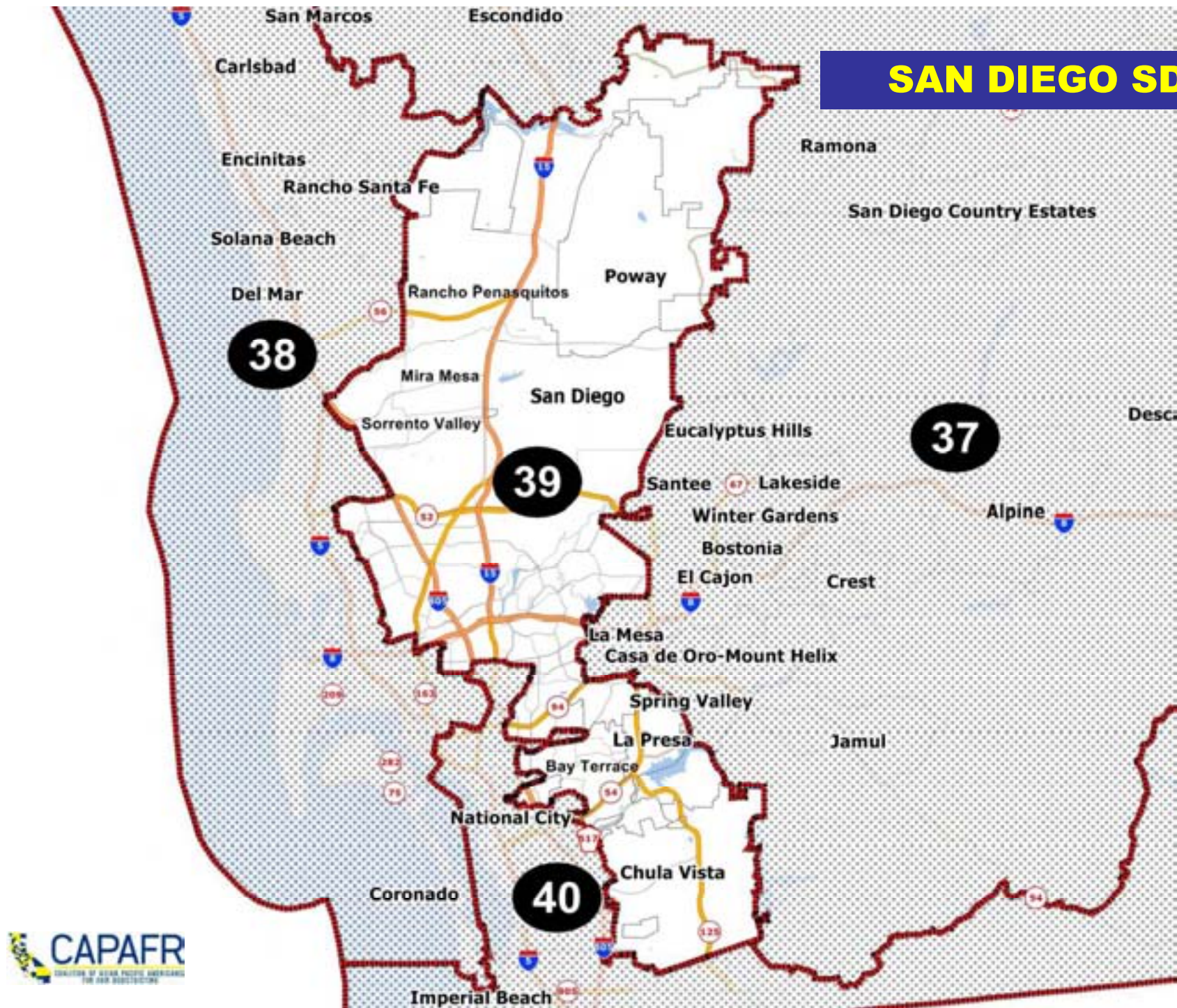


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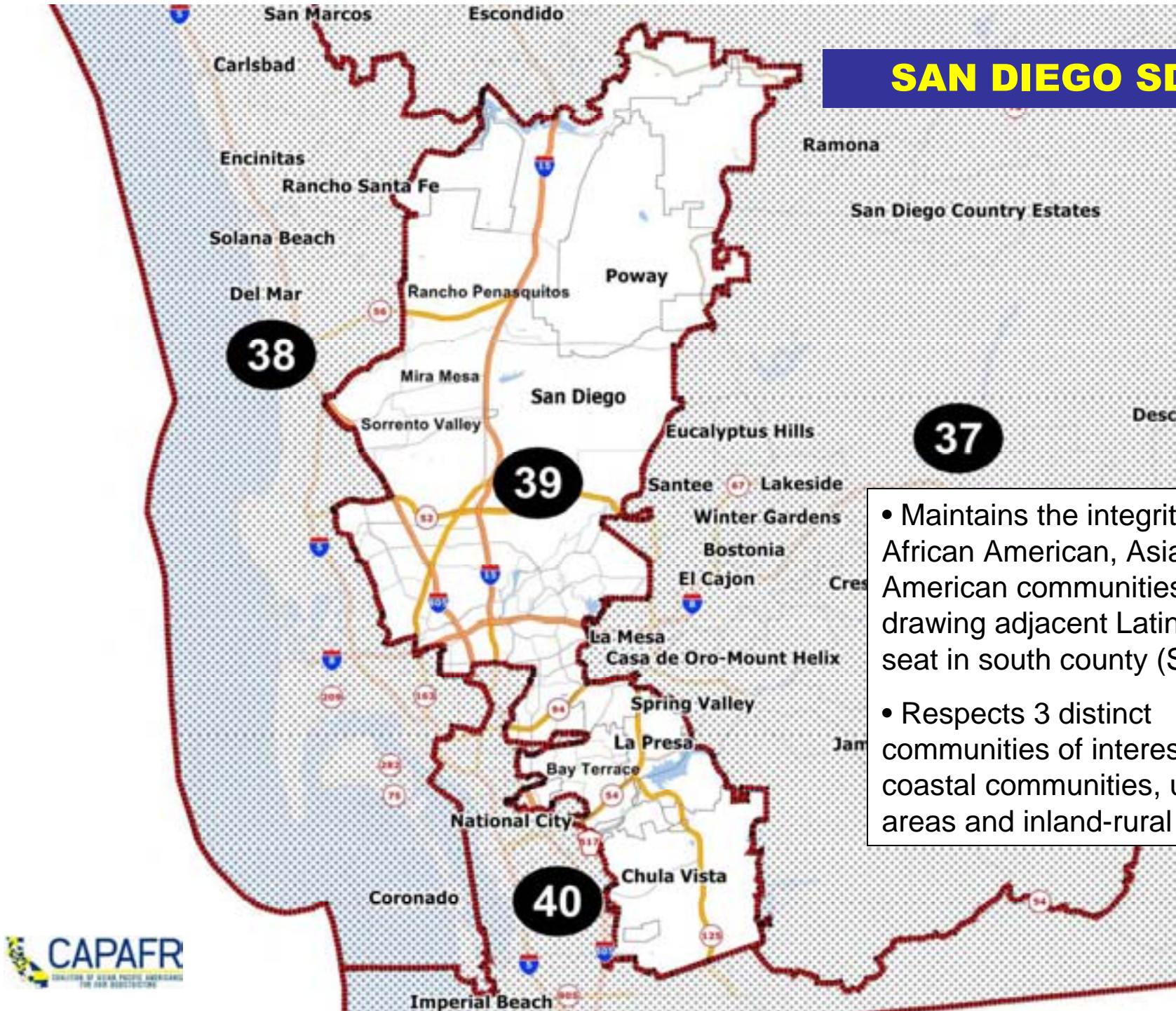


- Keeps African American and Asian American communities together while drawing adjacent Latino VRA seat in south county (AD 77)
- Respects the integrity of low and middle income limited English proficient communities

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- Maintains the integrity of African American, Asian American communities while drawing adjacent Latino VRA seat in south county (SD 40)
- Respects 3 distinct communities of interest: coastal communities, urban areas and inland-rural areas

Highlights of CAPAFR's Plans

- General themes
 - respect the Voting Rights Act
 - respect communities of interest and neighborhoods
 - respect other traditional redistricting criteria such as contiguity and respect for cities and counties
- The plans comport with the Voters First Act's ranked criteria

Population Equality

- For Assembly and Senate, all districts, including Section 2 and 5 VRA districts, are within 1% of the ideal population
- Half of the districts in each plan are within 0.5% deviation from ideal

Voting Rights Act

- Assembly plan
 - maintains or creates 15 Latino Section 2 districts, and the first ever AAPI Section 2 district at the state level
 - complies with Section 5 by preserving or enhancing electoral opportunities for minorities in Section 5 areas
- Senate plan
 - maintains or creates seven Latino Section 2 districts
 - complies with Section 5 by preserving or enhancing electoral opportunities for minorities in Section 5 areas

Contiguity

- All districts are contiguous under the Commission's definition of contiguity except for 3 Assembly districts and 2 Senate districts that include islands to which no means of transportation by water exist to and from the mainland portion of the districts
- In the non-contiguous districts, the mainland portions of the districts are contiguous

Communities of Interest

- CAPAFR members have discussed redistricting with African American communities, Latino communities, LGBT communities, and environmental leaders
- The plans accommodate the interests of these various communities and generally balance immigrant, low-income, business, coastal, and agricultural interests
- The plans unite communities of interest comprised of populations with substantial social and economic similarities

Cities and Counties

- Assembly plan
 - splits 79 cities, an improvement upon the current Assembly districts, which split 97 cities
 - keeps a majority of counties whole (30 of 58)
- Senate plan
 - splits 47 cities in regions where districts were drawn
 - splits 21 counties in regions where districts were drawn

Cities and Counties

- Cities/counties are split where
 - portions of cities and/or counties are required for Voting Rights Act
 - population equality requires such splits
 - such splits are required to maintain the integrity of COIs whose residents have substantial social and economic commonalities

Presenters

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